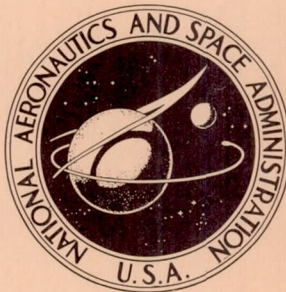


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SUMMARY

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## INTRODUCTION

Recent wind-tunnel test results on a parallel-staged reusable-launch-vehicle configuration, references 1 and 2, showed that large aerodynamic interferences could be expected during staging maneuvers in the sensible atmosphere. These interferences produced large changes in both the forces and moments on each of the two stages compared with the forces and moments at free-stream or interference-free conditions. The analytical results of references 1 and 2 on the relative behavior of the two stages showed that a potentially hazardous situation could be expected during staging at supersonic and hypersonic speeds.

The configuration employed in references 1 and 2 was relatively complex in shape and represented a reasonably realistic launch vehicle. Because of the resulting complex three-dimensional flow fields about this vehicle, the present investigation of simple configuration shapes was undertaken to establish some of the fundamental phenomena involved. The configurations employed were half-cone bodies to which could be attached flat-plate-type delta wings with a root chord equal to the body length. The bodies had a half-cone angle of  $10^\circ$  and the wings had a leading-edge sweep of  $70^\circ$ . The effects of vertical spacing and relative incidence angle between the configurations were measured, and the resulting data were used to determine the influence of relative body size, nose bluntness, and wings on the longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of the lower configuration.

The tests were conducted in the 2-foot hypersonic facility at the Langley Research Center at nominal Mach numbers of 3 and 6. The upper and lower configurations were individually mounted in order to measure their individual forces and moments, and the tests were conducted so that the flat surfaces of the configurations were adjacent. The vertical spacing between the two configurations was varied, and the incidence angle between the upper and lower configuration was  $0^\circ$  (parallel),  $2^\circ$ , or  $5^\circ$  for an angle-of-attack range of  $-9^\circ$  to  $12^\circ$ .

## SYMBOLS

The longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics for all configurations have been referred to the body axes. The aerodynamic coefficients were based on the geometry of the planform of the unblunted configurations, and the moment reference center was located at the centroid of the planform.

$C_A$       axial-force coefficient,  $\frac{\text{Axial force}}{qS}$

$C_m$	pitching-moment coefficient, $\frac{\text{Pitching moment}}{qSL}$
$C_{m_\alpha}$	pitching-moment-curve slope, $\frac{\partial C_m}{\partial \alpha}$
$C_N$	normal-force coefficient, $\frac{\text{Normal force}}{qS}$
$C_{N_\alpha}$	normal-force-curve slope, $\frac{\partial C_N}{\partial \alpha}$
$h$	vertical spacing between upper and lower configuration (see fig. 4), meters
$i$	relative incidence angle between upper and lower configuration, $\alpha_2 - \alpha_1$ (see fig. 4), degrees
$L$	reference length or mean geometric chord based on projected planform (see table I), meters
$l$	overall length of configuration, meters
$M$	free-stream Mach number
$q$	free-stream dynamic pressure, newtons/meter <sup>2</sup>
$R$	base radius, meters
$r$	nose radius, meters
$S$	reference area or projected planform area (see table I), meter <sup>2</sup>
$x_{cp}$	location of center of pressure forward of base, meters
$\alpha$	angle of attack referenced to flat surface of configuration (see fig. 4), degrees

Subscripts:

1	lower configuration
2	upper configuration

Component designations:

$B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4, B_5, B_6$  body designations (see fig. 1)

$W_1$  70° swept delta wing for  $B_1$

$W_2$  70° swept delta wing for  $B_2$

## APPARATUS AND TESTS

### Wind Tunnel

The wind-tunnel investigation was conducted in the 2-foot hypersonic facility at the Langley Research Center. The 2-foot hypersonic facility, described in reference 3, is a continuous-flow closed-circuit ejector-type wind tunnel. The tunnel has a 60.96-cm by 60.96-cm by 137.16-cm test section and provides a Mach number range of 3 to 6 at relatively low free-stream densities.

### Configurations

The configurations were 10° half-cone bodies that varied in length and were tested with and without flat-plate 70° swept delta wings. The configurations had both sharp and blunted body noses. Drawings of the configurations are shown in figure 1, and photographs of some of the lower configurations mounted in the presence of upper configurations are shown in figure 2. The geometric characteristics of the various configurations are presented in table I.

### Support Mechanism

Separate sting supports were provided for the lower and upper configurations, with the vertical movement between the configurations being provided by the support system to which the stings were attached. (See fig. 3.) Incidence angle between the configurations was varied by using sting adapters on the upper sting support. The complete support apparatus was attached to an arc strut that varied the angle of attack of the configurations.

### Tests

The wind-tunnel tests were conducted at nominal Mach numbers of 3 and 6. The vertical spacing  $h$  was varied from 2.03 cm to 10.16 cm, and the incidence angle  $i$  was 0° (parallel), 2°, or 5° for an angle-of-attack range of -9° to 12°. (See fig. 4.) The tests were conducted with the flat surfaces of the configurations adjacent. Tests were also conducted at interference-free conditions ( $h/l_1 = \infty$ ); that is, when the configurations were not in proximity to each other.

Static longitudinal aerodynamic force and moment data were simultaneously obtained for the upper and lower configuration by using individual internal six-component strain-gage balances. All data were reduced to standard coefficient form, and the individual angles of attack of the upper and lower configurations were corrected for their respective balance and sting deflection under load. No axial-force corrections were made, and no corrections were made to the incidence angle since these corrections were found to be at most  $\pm 0.1^\circ$ . All data were obtained with the configurations aerodynamically smooth, and, at the Reynolds numbers of these tests, laminar flow probably existed over almost the entire configuration.

The average test conditions and Reynolds numbers were as follows:

Mach number	Stagnation pressure, kN/m <sup>2</sup>	Stagnation temperature, °K	Reynolds number per meter
3	50.6	322	$2.6 \times 10^6$
6	303.6	422	3.2

## PRESENTATION OF RESULTS

Although longitudinal aerodynamic data were simultaneously obtained for both the upper and lower configuration, the data are presented as if they were only obtained for a lower configuration in the presence of an upper configuration. These data are presented in figures 5 to 19 with some of the results summarized in figures 20 and 21. In addition, interference regions are shown in figure 22 and schlieren photographs are presented in figures 23 to 25. An outline of the contents of the data figures is as follows:

Longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of various lower configurations in presence of various upper configurations –

Lower configuration	Upper configuration	i, deg	$l_2/l_1$	Figure
B <sub>4</sub>	B <sub>1</sub>	0	0.60	5
B <sub>2</sub>	B <sub>1</sub>	0	.75	6
B <sub>2</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>	0	1.00	7
B <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>2</sub>	0	1.33	8
B <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>4</sub>	0	1.67	9
B <sub>2</sub>	B <sub>1</sub>	2	0.75	10
B <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>2</sub>	2	1.33	11
B <sub>2</sub>	B <sub>1</sub>	5	.75	12
B <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>2</sub>	5	1.33	13
B <sub>2</sub> W <sub>2</sub>	B <sub>1</sub>	0	0.75	14
B <sub>2</sub> W <sub>2</sub>	B <sub>1</sub> W <sub>1</sub>	0	.75	15
B <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>2</sub> W <sub>2</sub>	0	1.33	16
B <sub>1</sub> W <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>2</sub> W <sub>2</sub>	0	1.33	17
B <sub>6</sub>	B <sub>5</sub>	5	0.75	18
B <sub>5</sub>	B <sub>6</sub>	5	1.33	19

	Figure
Effect of relative size of upper configuration on longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of lower configuration . . . . .	20
Effect of incidence angle and nose bluntness of upper configuration on longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of lower configuration . . . . .	21
Interference regions . . . . .	22
Schlieren photographs for $B_2$ in presence of $B_1$ at –	
$M = 3$ ; $i = 5^\circ$ ; $h/l_1 = 0.15$ . . . . .	23
$M = 6$ ; $i = 5^\circ$ ; $h/l_1 = 0.15$ . . . . .	24
$M = 6$ ; $i = 5^\circ$ ; $h/l_1 = 0.10$ . . . . .	25

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The data of figures 5 to 19 show that the proximity of the upper configurations at different vertical spacings and incidence angles produced marked changes in the basic longitudinal aerodynamic coefficients of the lower configurations. The longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of the lower configurations are compared with the interference-free longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics, and it can be seen that the region of significant influence of the upper configurations generally extended beyond the maximum values of the test spacing  $h/l_1$ .

### Effects of Upper Configuration Size

Figure 20 illustrates the effect of the relative size of the upper configuration on the longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of the lower configuration. The relative-size parameter used in figure 20 is  $l_2/l_1$ , the ratio of the length of the upper configuration to that of the lower configuration. The data shown in figure 20 were obtained from figures 5 to 9 for  $l_2/l_1 = 0.60$  to  $l_2/l_1 = 1.67$ . The data for  $l_2/l_1 = 0$  are for interference-free conditions.

The figure shows that increasing the size of the upper configuration at  $M = 3$  (figs. 20(a) to 20(d)) causes a progressive decrease in the normal-force-curve slope  $(C_{N_\alpha})_1$  as well as a similar decrease in the static longitudinal stability  $(C_{m_\alpha})_1$  of the lower configuration. Similar results are also indicated at  $M = 6$  for  $h/l_1 \leq 0.10$  (figs. 20(e) and 20(f)). For  $h/l_1 > 0.10$  at  $M = 6$  (figs. 20(g) and 20(h)), the lower configuration appears to have almost achieved interference-free conditions since the curves approach the interference-free curves.

The data in figure 20 indicate some form of progressive blanketing at angles of attack less than about  $3^\circ$  for the upper configuration larger than the lower configuration

( $l_2/l_1 = 1.33$  and  $l_2/l_1 = 1.67$ ). This effect is illustrated by the decrease in  $(C_{N\alpha})_1$  to approximately zero and even negative values at the smaller vertical spacings. (See figs. 20(a), 20(b), 20(e), and 20(f).) This blanketing is probably caused by the fact that the lower configuration is in the downwash field of the upper configuration, which causes a reduction in the effective angle of attack of the lower configuration together with a reduction in the energy of the flow (low local dynamic pressures) from free-stream conditions.

### Effects of Incidence Angle

Upper configuration smaller than lower configuration.- Although the data presented in figures 21(a) to 21(h) are only for  $l_2/l_1 = 0.75$ , the data are representative for an upper configuration smaller than a lower configuration. These data indicate that at  $M = 3$  and  $h/l_1 = 0.05$  or  $h/l_1 = 0.10$  (figs. 21(a) and 21(b)), increasing the incidence angle of the upper configuration from  $0^\circ$  to  $5^\circ$  caused positive increments in the pitching-moment coefficient (nose up) and negative increments in the normal-force coefficient (decreased normal force) of the lower configuration with little change in the slope of these curves. For  $h/l_1$  greater than 0.10 (figs. 21(c) and 21(d)), increasing the incidence angle had little effect on either the normal-force or pitching-moment curves. Similar results are also indicated at  $M = 6$  with the critical spacing being 0.05 instead of 0.10 as it was at  $M = 3$ .

Upper configuration larger than lower configuration.- Although the data in figures 21(i) to 21(p) are only for  $l_2/l_1 = 1.33$ , the data are representative for an upper configuration larger than a lower configuration. Similar aerodynamic results are indicated in these figures as were indicated in figures 21(a) to 21(h) of the preceding section. However, at  $M = 3$  and  $h/l_1 = 0.05$  (fig. 21(i)), increasing the incidence angle caused a decrease in the static longitudinal stability  $(C_{m\alpha})_1$  from that at  $i = 0^\circ$ . Similar results are also shown at  $M = 6$  and  $h/l_1 = 0.05$  (fig. 21(m)). At both  $M = 3$  and  $M = 6$  and at the other spacings, the static stability did not change appreciably.

### Effects of Nose Bluntness

Blunting the nose of the upper and lower configuration 10 percent of the base radius ( $r/R = 0.10$ ) had little effect on the longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of the lower configuration when compared with the data for the pointed-nose configurations at similar geometric conditions; that is, at similar values of  $h/l_1$  and  $i$  (fig. 21). It should not be concluded from these few data that nose bluntness will not affect the longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of a vehicle when in the presence of another vehicle. The bluntness effect has not been thoroughly examined in this investigation and is probably dependent on configuration as well as the amount of bluntness.

## Effects of Lifting Surface

Adding a delta wing to just an upper configuration (fig. 16) or to just a lower configuration (fig. 14) or to both the upper and lower configuration (figs. 15 and 17) did not appreciably affect the changes in the characteristics previously discussed for the wingless configurations. Compare, for example, figure 15 with figure 6 or figure 16 with figure 8. However, the changes in the force and moment coefficients could have been significantly altered if the wings had had a different planform shape and had been positioned differently on the configurations.

## Comments on Interference Effects

Both references 1 and 2 concluded that the observed changes in forces and moments of the lower configuration were primarily caused by the bow shock wave generated by the upper configuration for an upper configuration smaller than a lower configuration. (See fig. 22(a).) For an upper configuration larger than a lower configuration, the changes in forces and moments were primarily caused by the flow field from the upper configuration, to which must be added the effects of the bow shock wave generated by the lower configuration impinging on the upper configuration and then reflecting back on the lower configuration. (See fig. 22(b).) These interference effects are further substantiated from analysis of schlieren data, some of which are presented in figures 23, 24, and 25.

Some further comments on the nature of the shock interaction effects need to be made. At high supersonic speed ( $M = 3$ ), figure 23(a) shows that the bow shock wave generated by the upper configuration at  $\alpha_1 \approx 0^\circ$  is relatively weak. At both  $\alpha_1 \approx 3^\circ$  and  $\alpha_1 \approx 6^\circ$  (figs. 23(b) and 23(c)), the bow shock wave is stronger and the classical shock—boundary-layer interaction effects are illustrated. At the highest test angle of attack ( $\alpha_1 \approx 12^\circ$ ), figure 23(d) indicates similar results; however, one important additional effect should be noted. At this angle of attack, the wake from the lower configuration also interacts strongly with the bow shock wave from the upper configuration and causes the shock wave to bend toward the nose of the lower configuration.

As the Mach number is increased from 3 to 6, the boundary layer is seen to grow appreciably. (Compare fig. 24(a) with 23(a).) At  $\alpha_1 \approx 0^\circ$ ,  $\alpha_1 \approx 3^\circ$ , and  $\alpha_1 \approx 6^\circ$ , both figures 24 and 25 illustrate the shock—boundary-layer interaction effects. However, at  $\alpha_1 \approx 12^\circ$  and  $M = 6$ , the flow field of the lower configuration has dissipated the shock interaction effects on the lower configuration. This result is seen very clearly in figure 24(d), in which the bow shock wave from the upper configuration only penetrates approximately one-third of the vertical distance between the upper and lower configuration. At the smaller spacing of  $h/l_1 = 0.10$ , figure 25(d) shows that the bow shock wave was not even in the schlieren photograph. A complete explanation of this flow phenomenon at the largest angle of attack is not presently known. However, it is possible that the

flow between the configurations at this condition is subsonic and that a single strong bow wave lies ahead of both bodies.

### CONCLUDING REMARKS

A wind-tunnel investigation has been conducted to examine the aerodynamic interference effects associated with simple three-dimensional aerodynamic configurations placed parallel and in close proximity to each other. The configurations were 10° half-cone bodies that varied in length and were tested with and without simple delta wings. The flat surfaces of the configurations were adjacent to each other during testing. The effects of vertical spacing and relative incidence angle between the configurations were measured, and the resulting data were used to determine the influence of relative body size, nose bluntness, and lifting surfaces on the longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of the lower configuration at Mach numbers of 3 and 6.

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TABLE I.- GEOMETRIC CHARACTERISTICS OF CONFIGURATIONS

Configuration B<sub>1</sub>:

Length overall, cm . . . . .	30.48
Reference area, cm <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	163.82
Reference length, cm . . . . .	20.32
Moment reference center (distance from base), cm . . . . .	10.16
Nose bluntness, percent base radius . . . . .	0

Configuration B<sub>2</sub>:

Length overall, cm . . . . .	40.64
Reference area, cm <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	291.23
Reference length, cm . . . . .	27.09
Moment reference center (distance from base), cm . . . . .	13.55
Nose bluntness, percent base radius . . . . .	0

Configuration B<sub>3</sub>:

Length overall, cm . . . . .	40.64
Reference area, cm <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	291.23
Reference length, cm . . . . .	27.09
Moment reference center (distance from base), cm . . . . .	13.55
Nose bluntness, percent base radius . . . . .	0

Configuration B<sub>4</sub>:

Length overall, cm . . . . .	50.80
Reference area, cm <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	455.22
Reference length, cm . . . . .	33.87
Moment reference center (distance from base), cm . . . . .	16.93
Nose bluntness, percent base radius . . . . .	0

Configuration B<sub>5</sub>:

Length overall, cm . . . . .	27.43
Reference area, cm <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	163.82
Reference length, cm . . . . .	20.32
Moment reference center (distance from base), cm . . . . .	10.16
Nose bluntness, percent base radius . . . . .	10

Configuration B<sub>6</sub>:

Length overall, cm . . . . .	36.58
Reference area, cm <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	291.23
Reference length, cm . . . . .	27.09
Moment reference center (distance from base), cm . . . . .	13.55
Nose bluntness, percent base radius . . . . .	10

Configuration B<sub>1</sub>W<sub>2</sub>:

Length overall, cm . . . . .	30.48
Reference area, cm <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	338.14
Reference length, cm . . . . .	20.32
Moment reference center (distance from base), cm . . . . .	10.16
Nose bluntness, percent base radius . . . . .	0

Configuration B<sub>2</sub>W<sub>2</sub>:

Length overall, cm . . . . .	40.64
Reference area, cm <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	601.14
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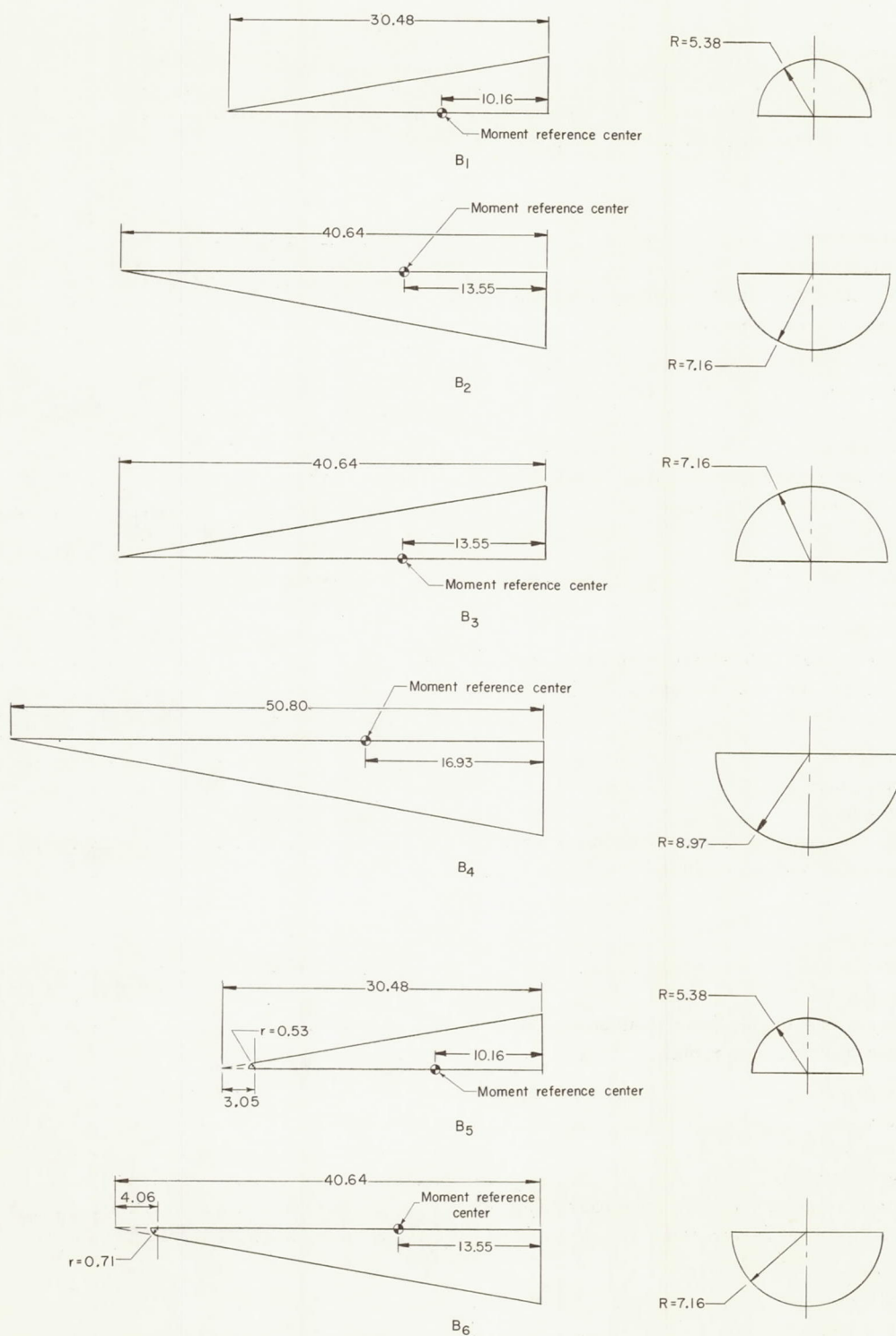


Figure 1.- Drawings of configurations used in wind-tunnel investigation. All dimensions are in centimeters.

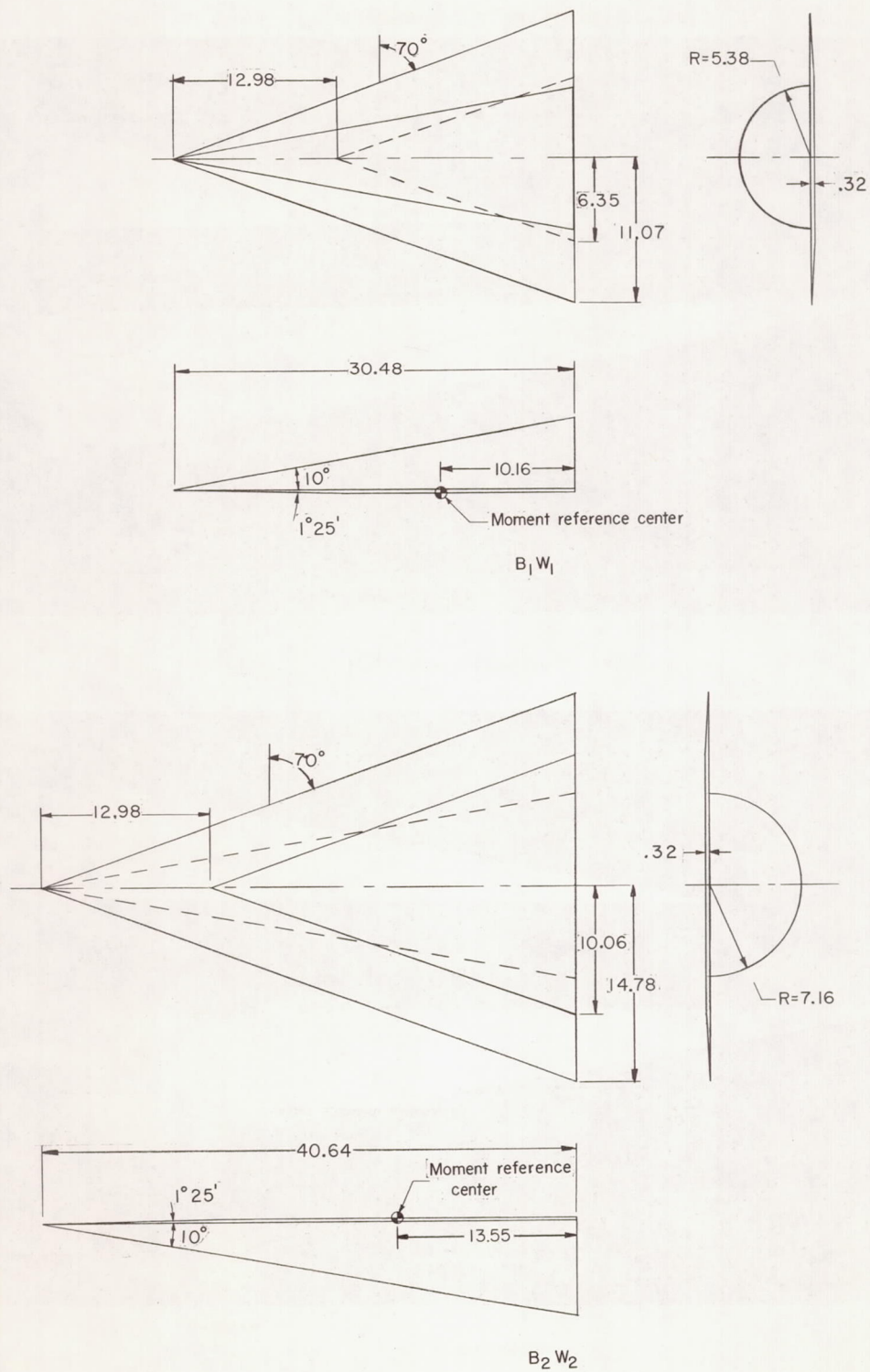
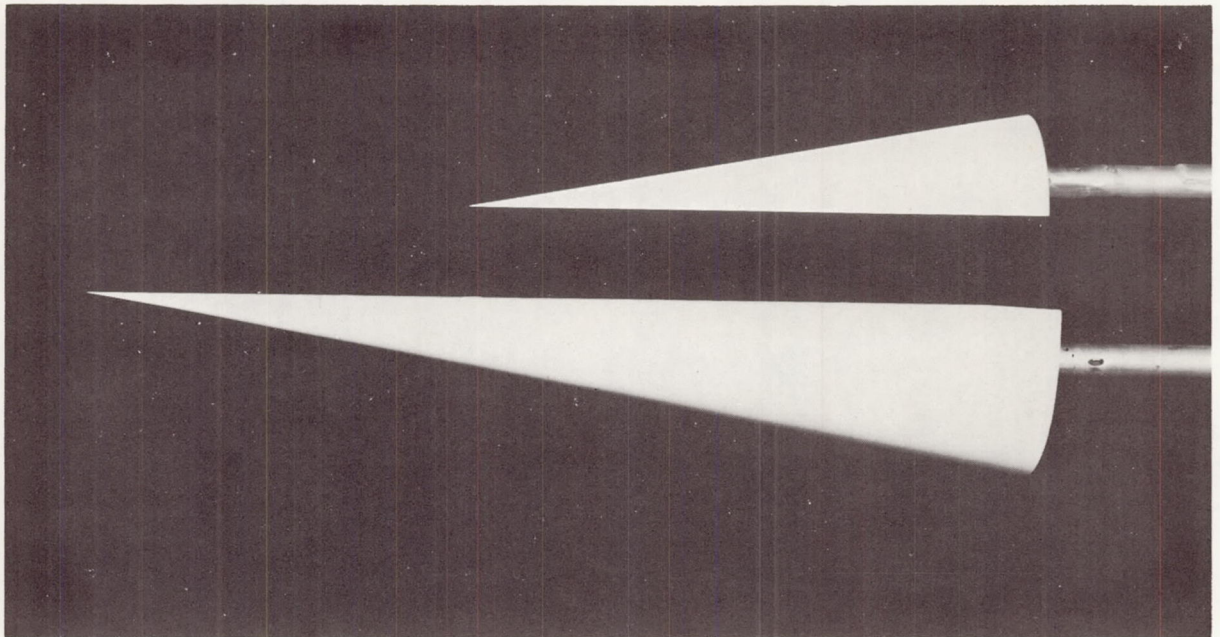
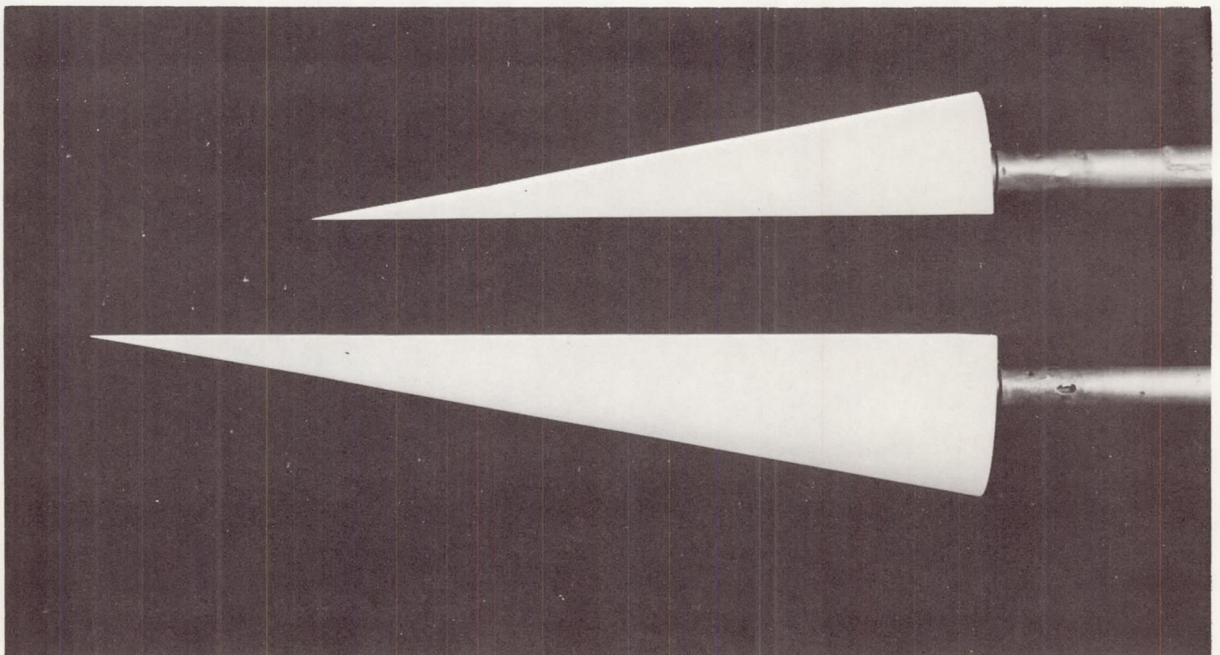


Figure 1.- Concluded.



(a)  $B_4$  in presence of  $B_1$ .

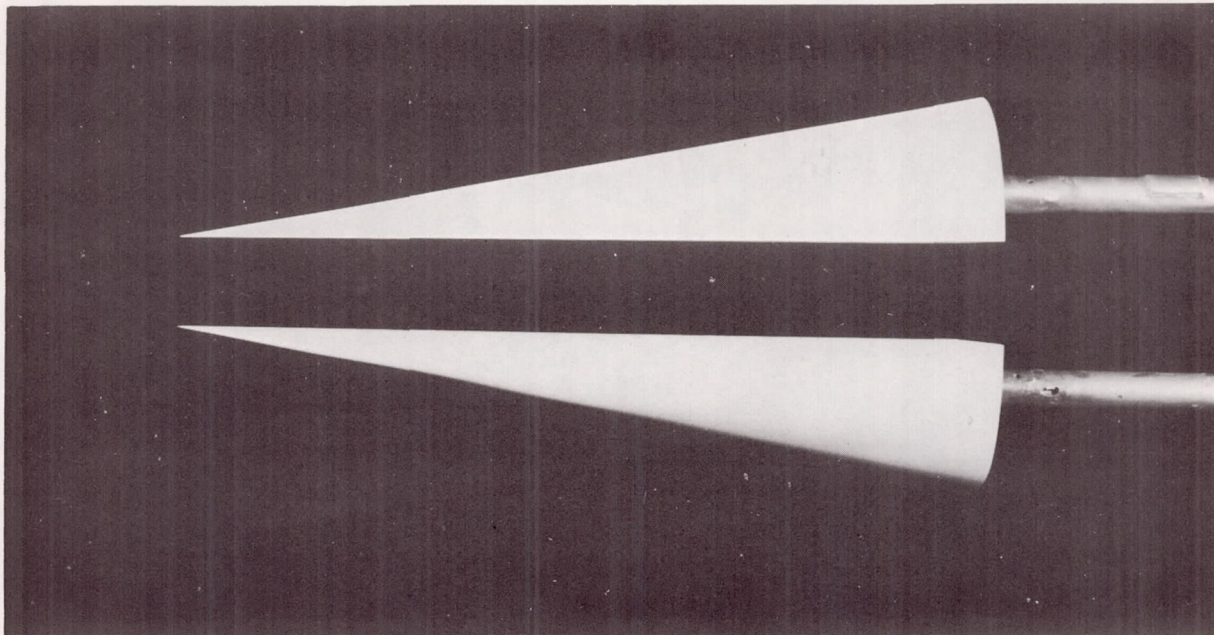
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(b)  $B_2$  in presence of  $B_1$ .

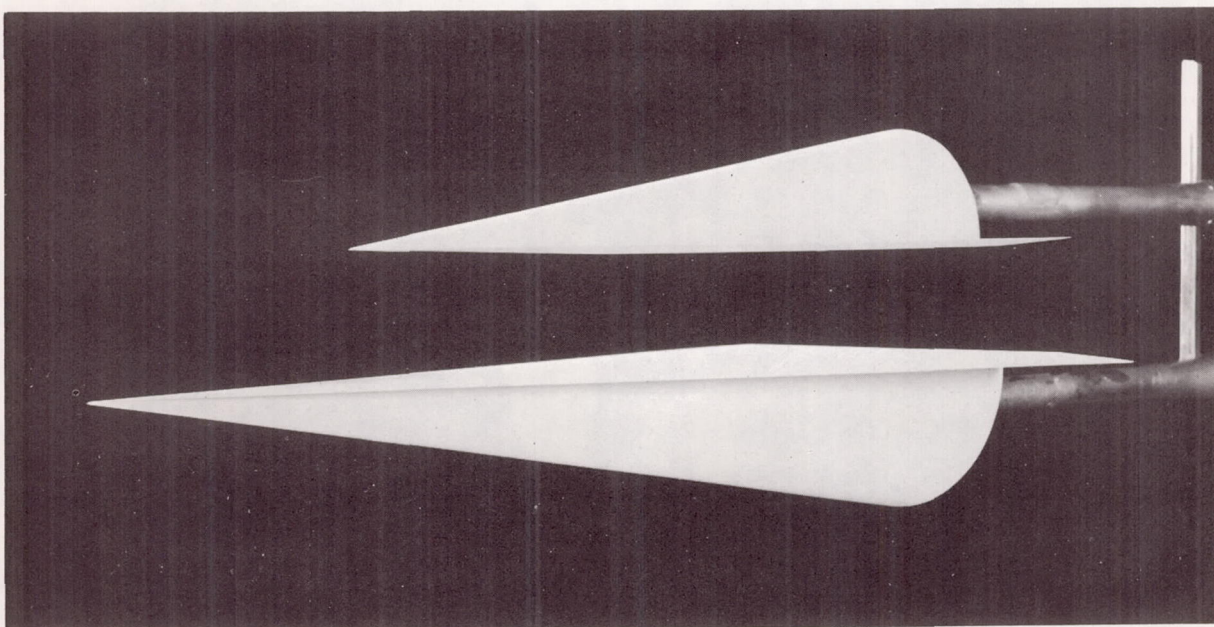
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Figure 2.- Photographs of lower configurations mounted in presence of upper configurations.



(c)  $B_2$  in presence of  $B_3$ .

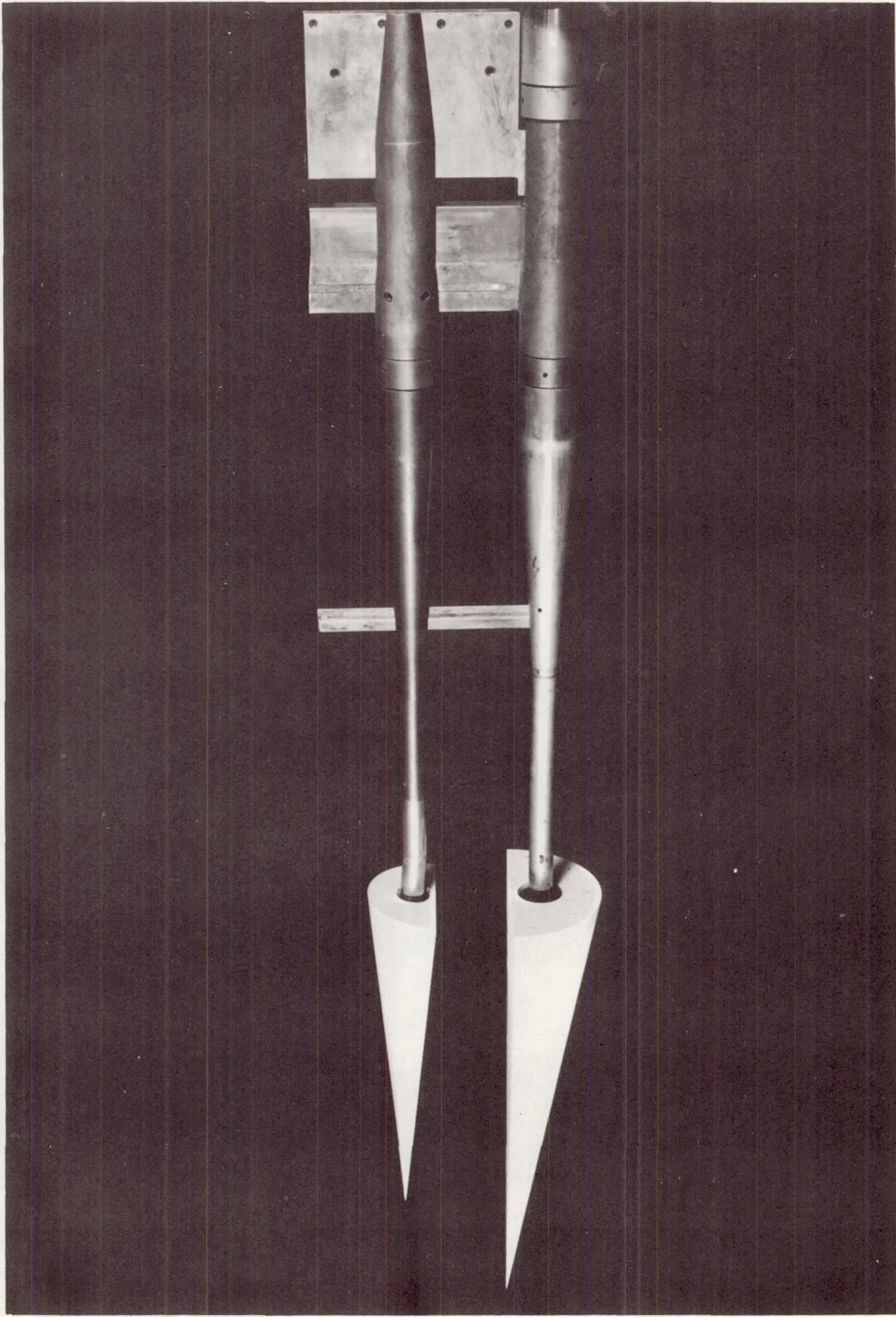
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(d)  $B_2W_2$  in presence of  $B_1W_1$ .

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Figure 2.- Concluded.



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Figure 3.- Photograph of configurations on support mechanism.

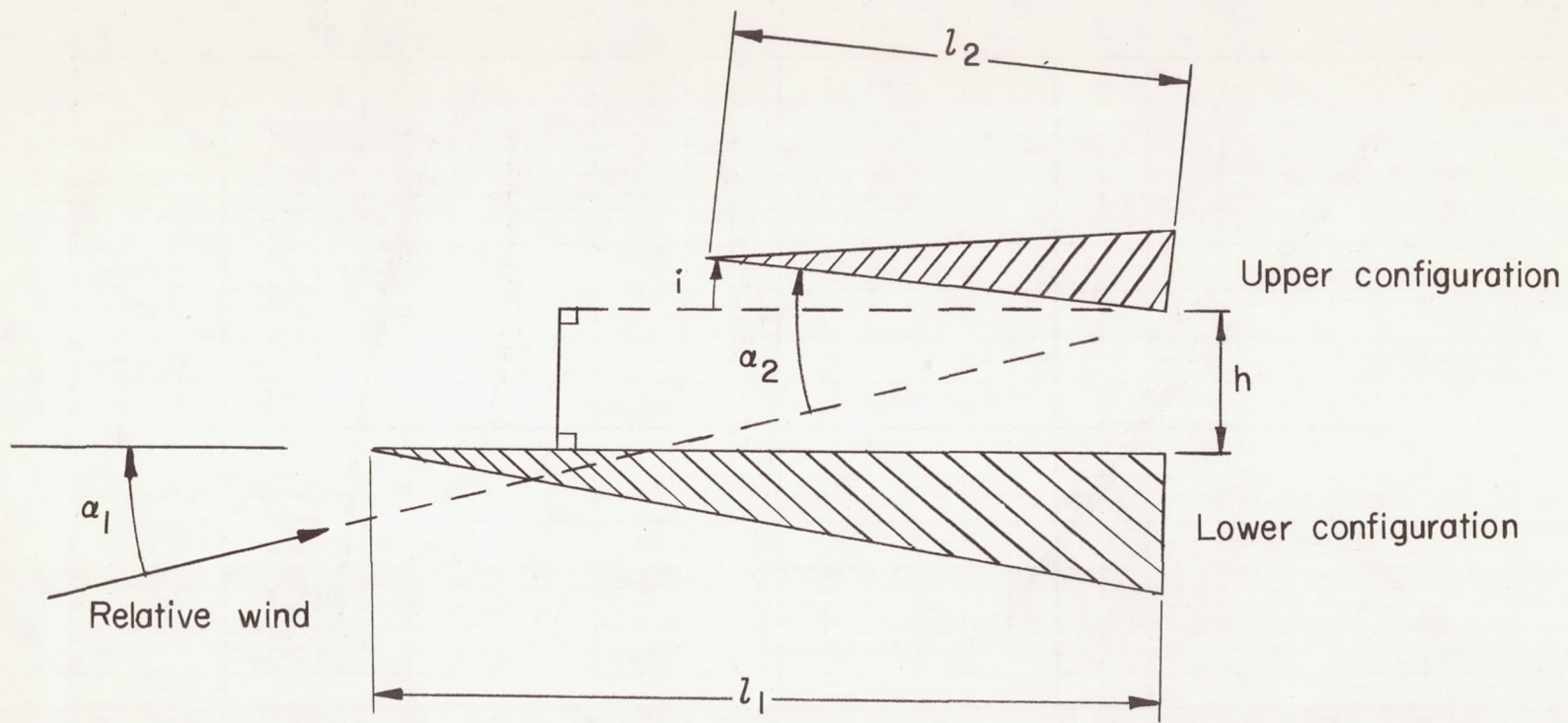


Figure 4.- Nomenclature and general arrangement of upper and lower configurations during wind-tunnel investigation.

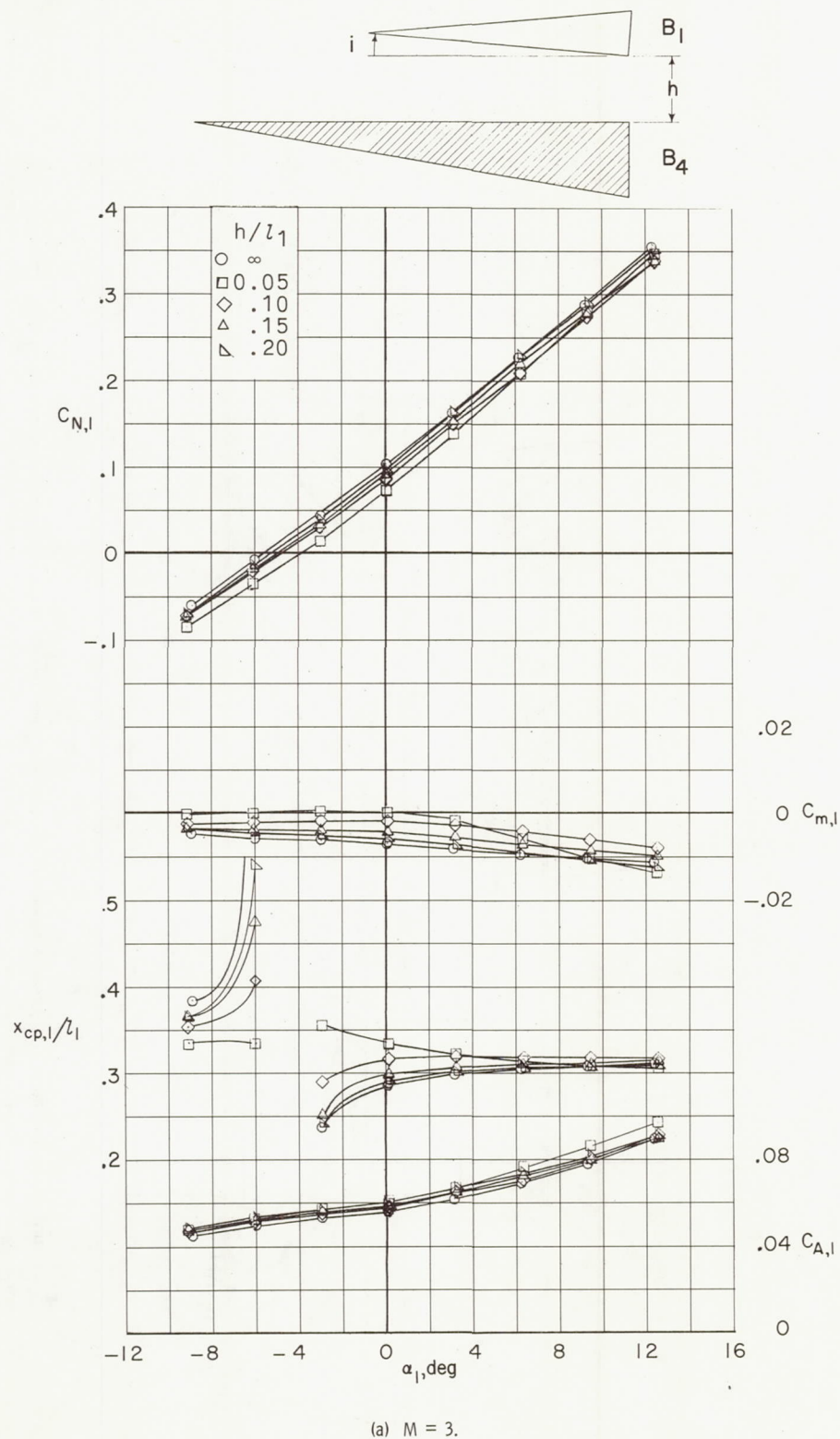
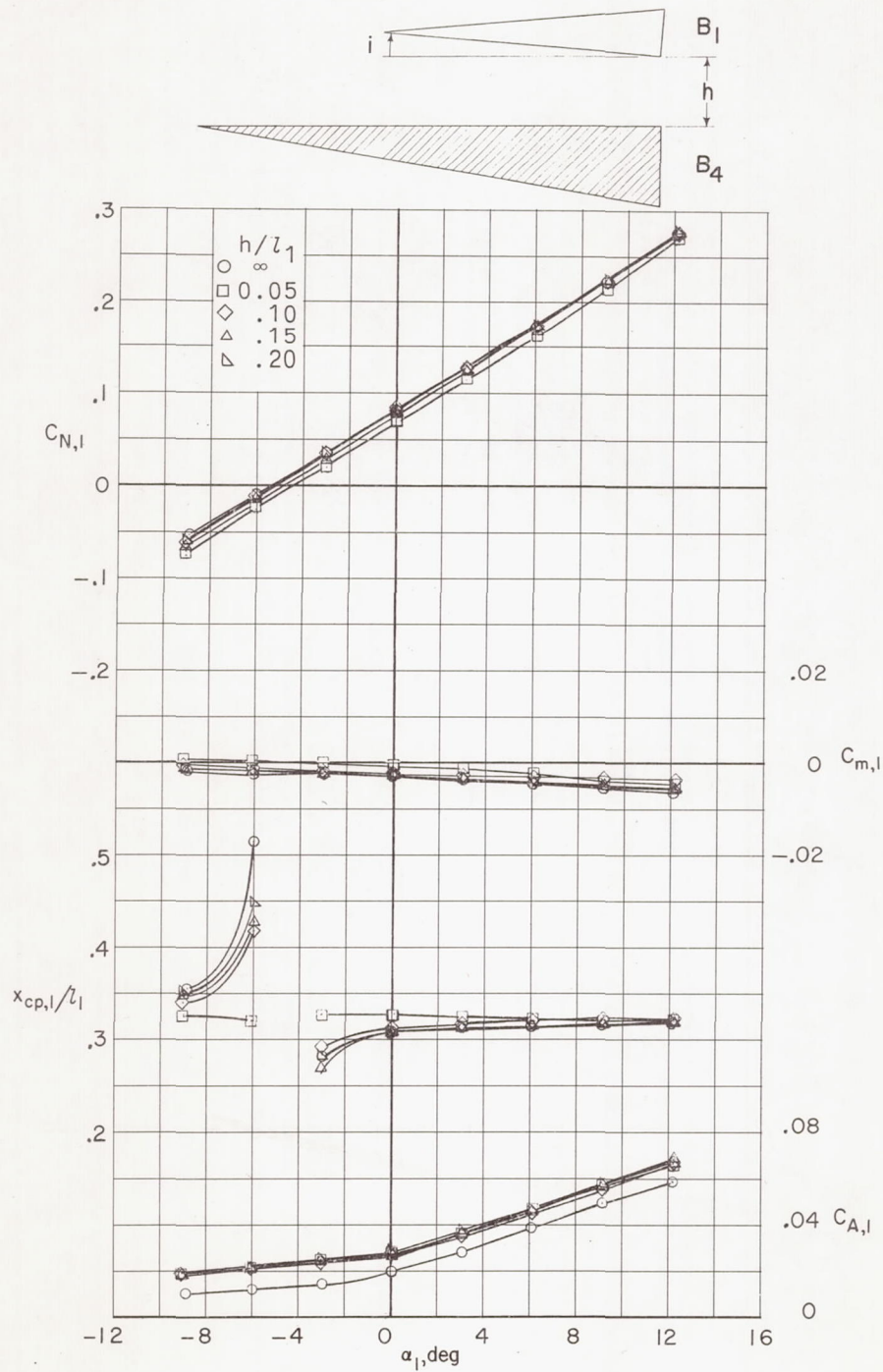
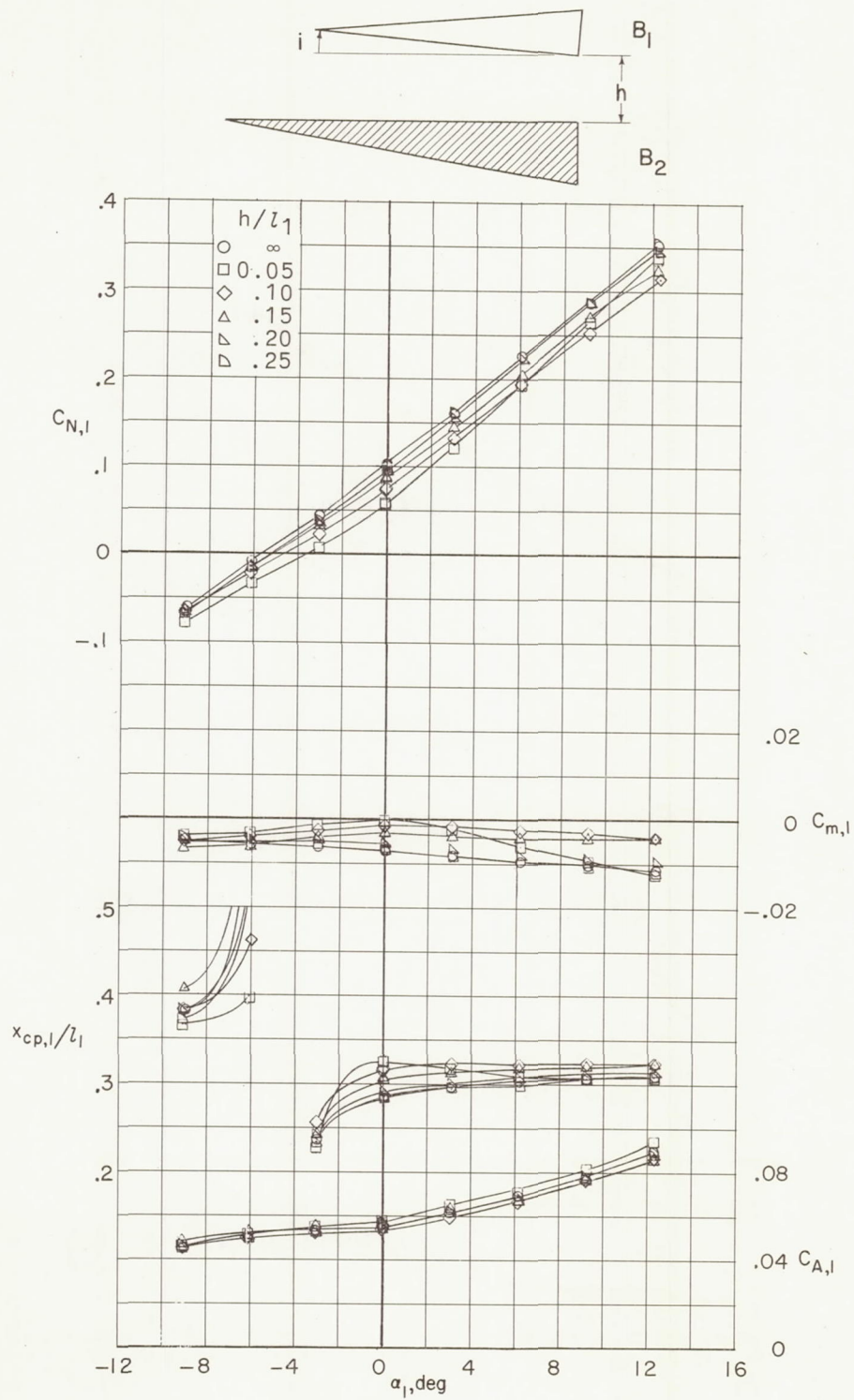


Figure 5.- Longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of  $B_4$  in presence of  $B_1$ .  $i = 0^\circ$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 0.60$ .



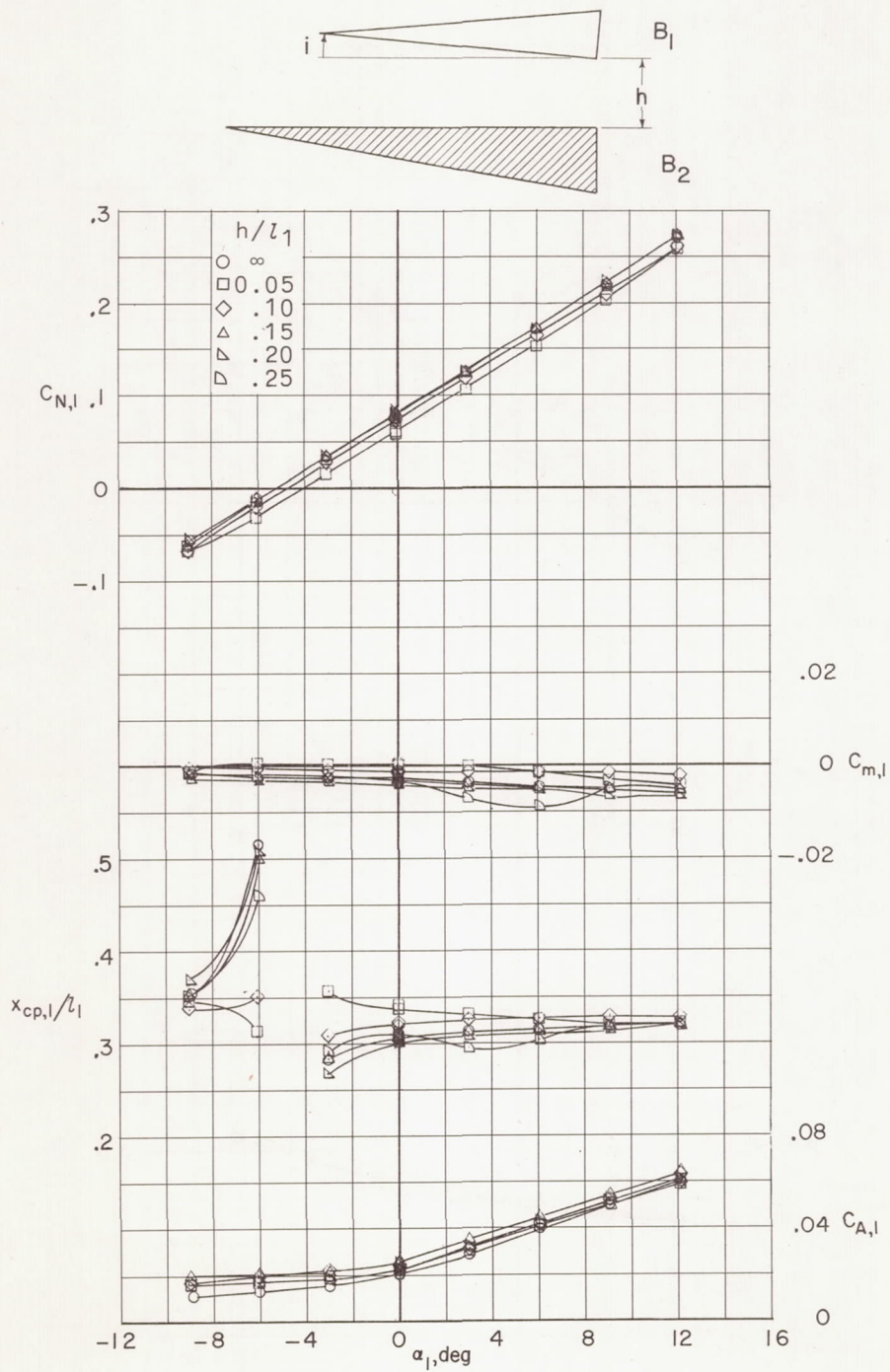
(b)  $M = 6$ .

Figure 5.- Concluded.



(a)  $M = 3$ .

Figure 6.- Longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of  $B_2$  in presence of  $B_1$ .  $i = 0^\circ$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 0.75$ .



(b)  $M = 6$ .

Figure 6.- Concluded.

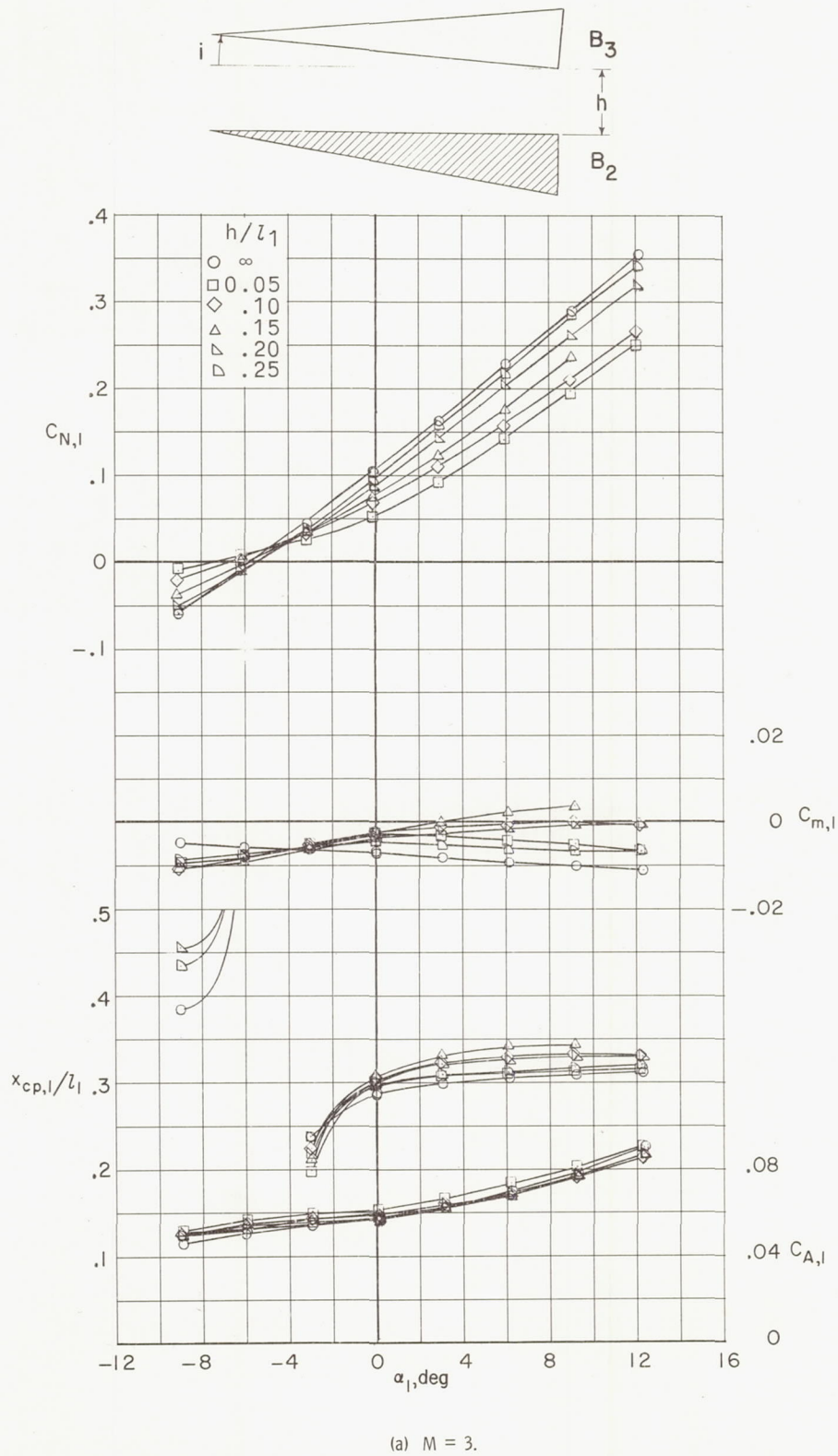
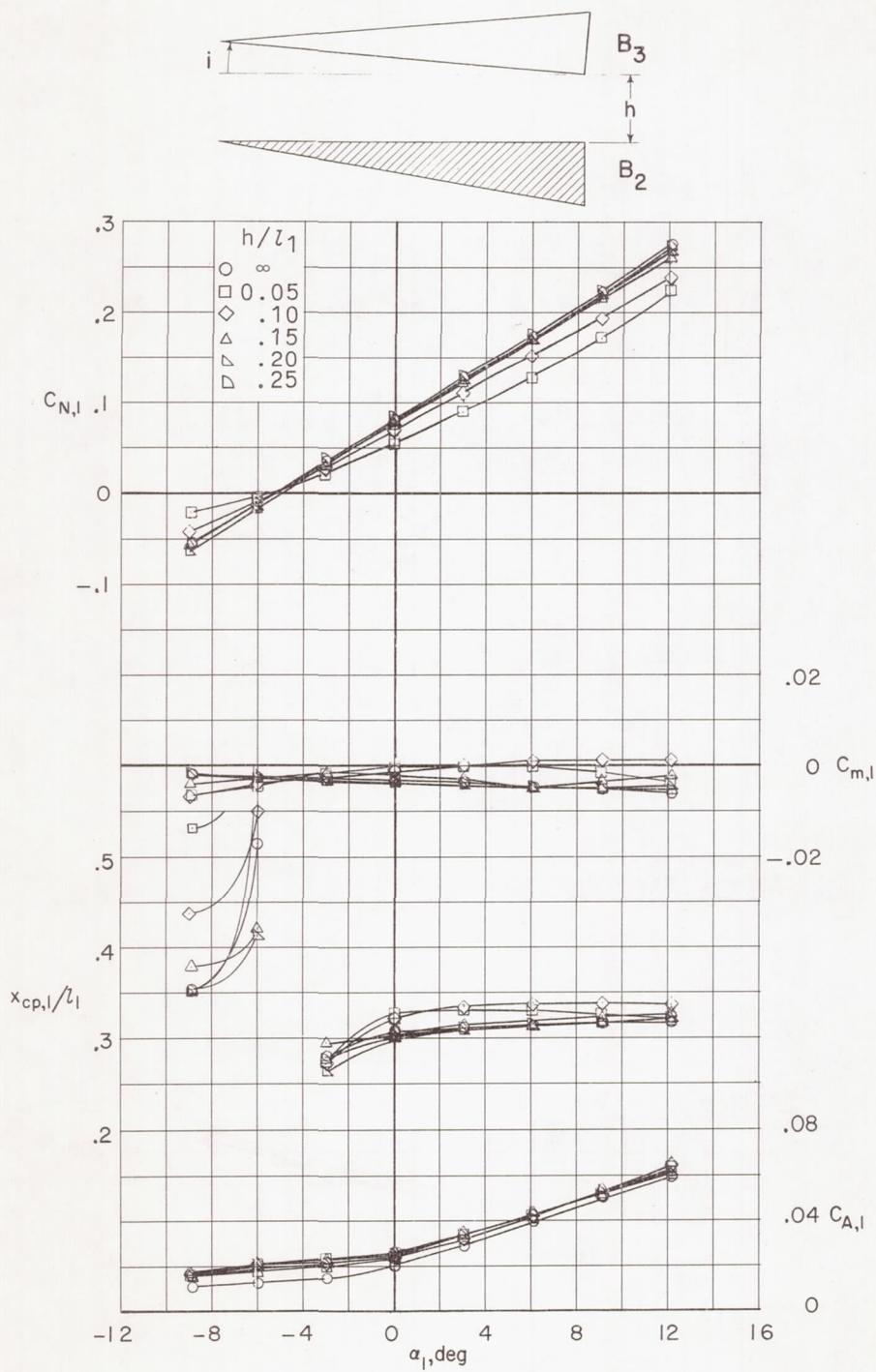
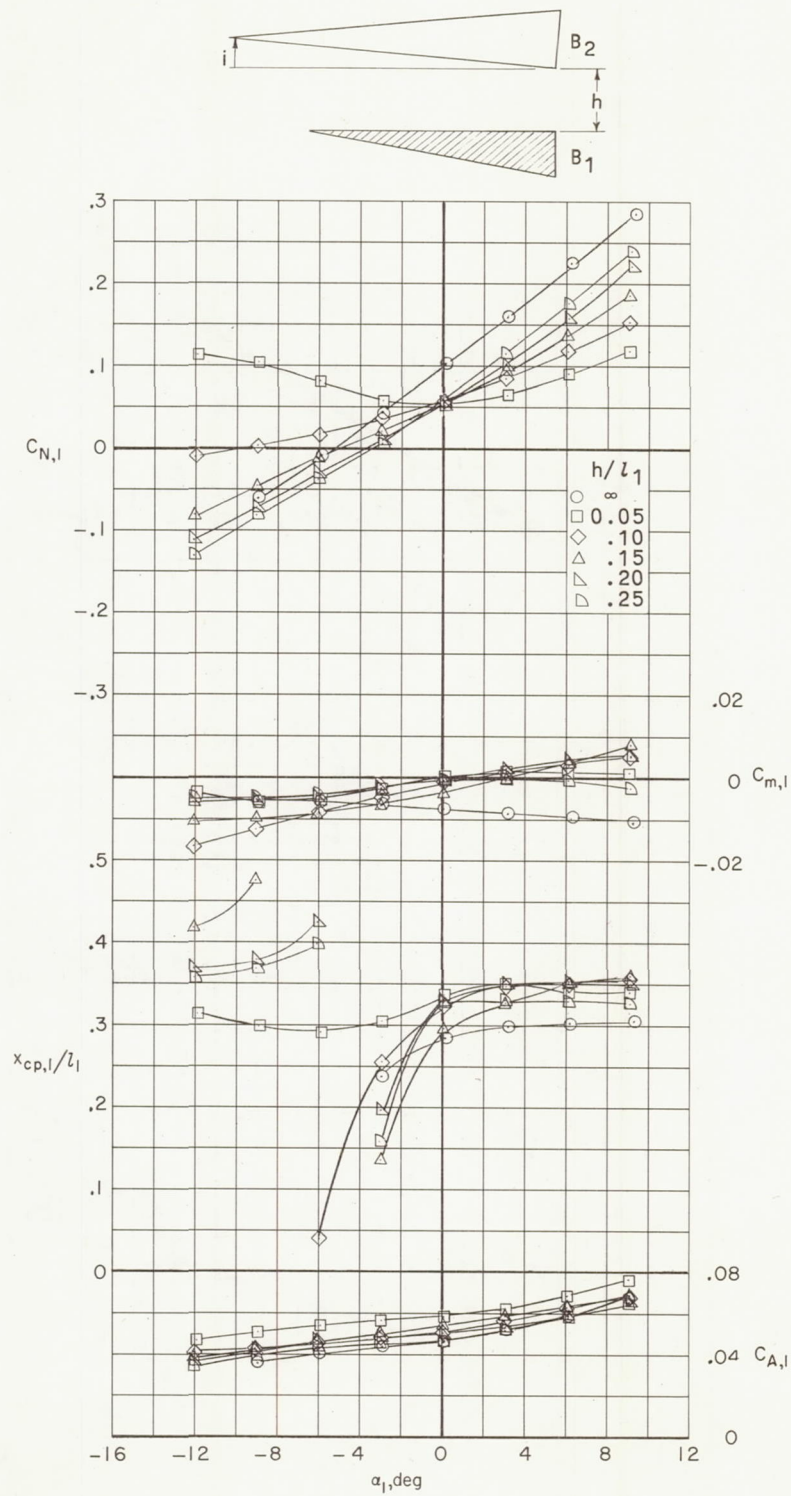


Figure 7.- Longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of  $B_2$  in presence of  $B_3$ .  $i = 0^\circ$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 1.00$ .



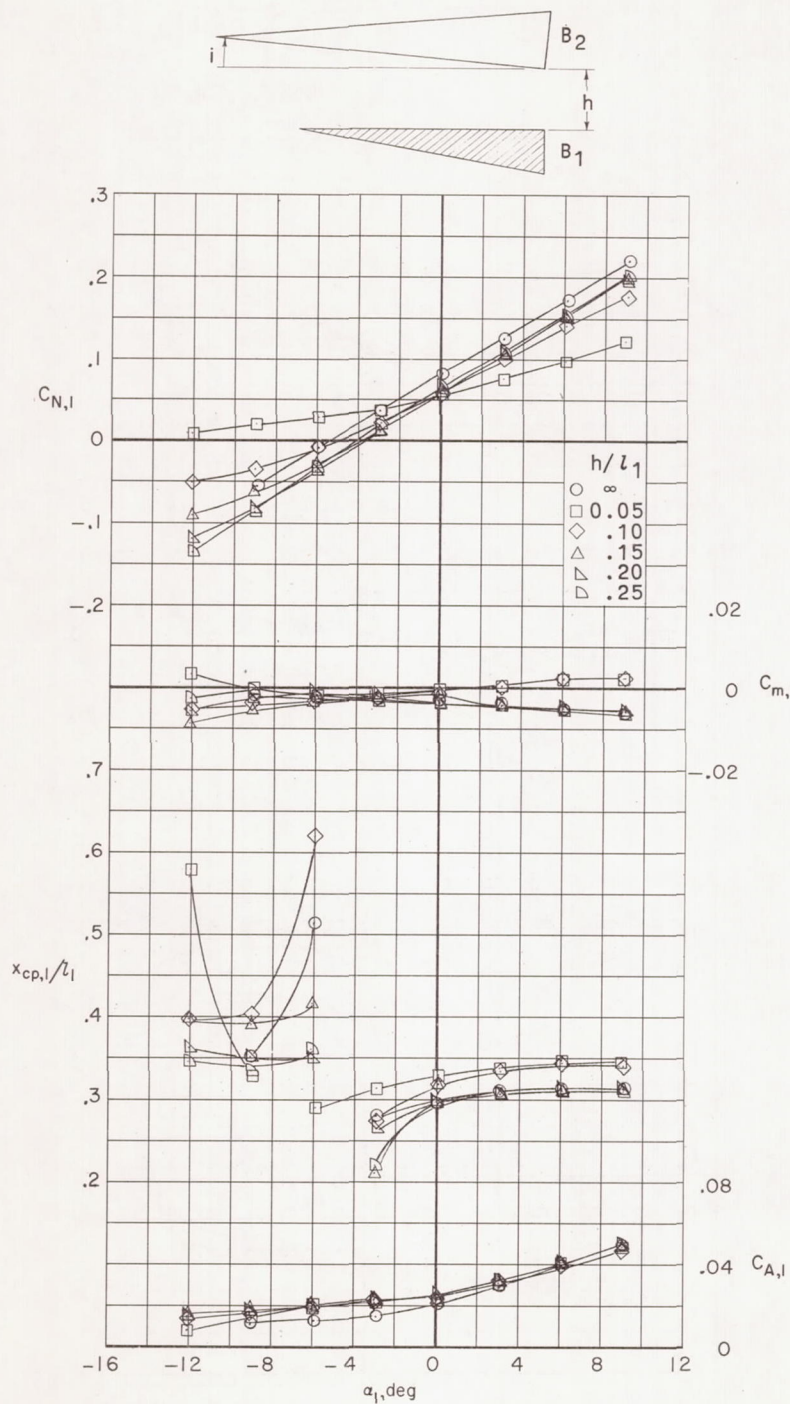
(b)  $M = 6$ .

Figure 7.- Concluded.



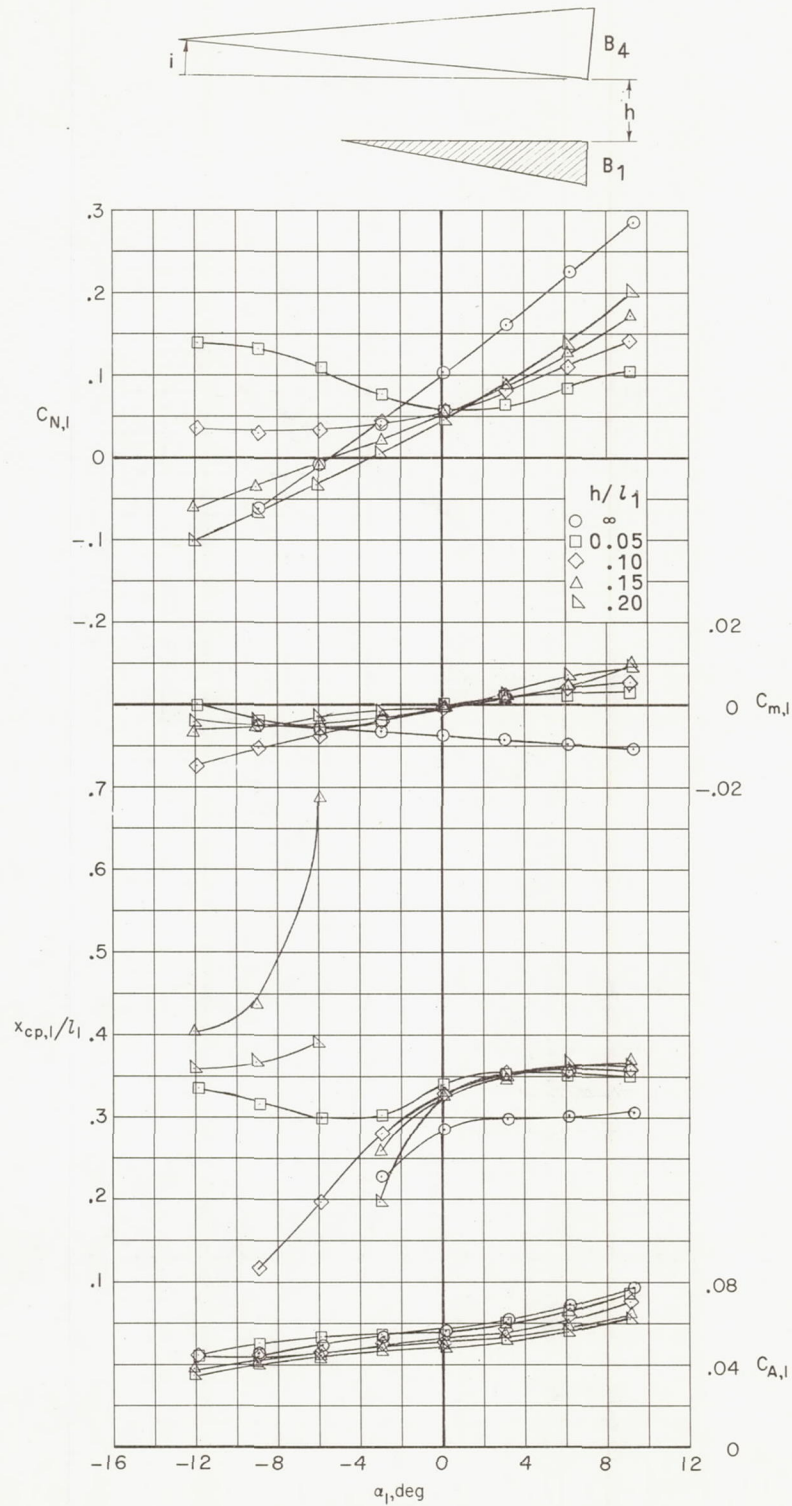
(a)  $M = 3$ .

Figure 8.- Longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of  $B_1$  in presence of  $B_2$ .  $i = 0^\circ$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 1.33$ .



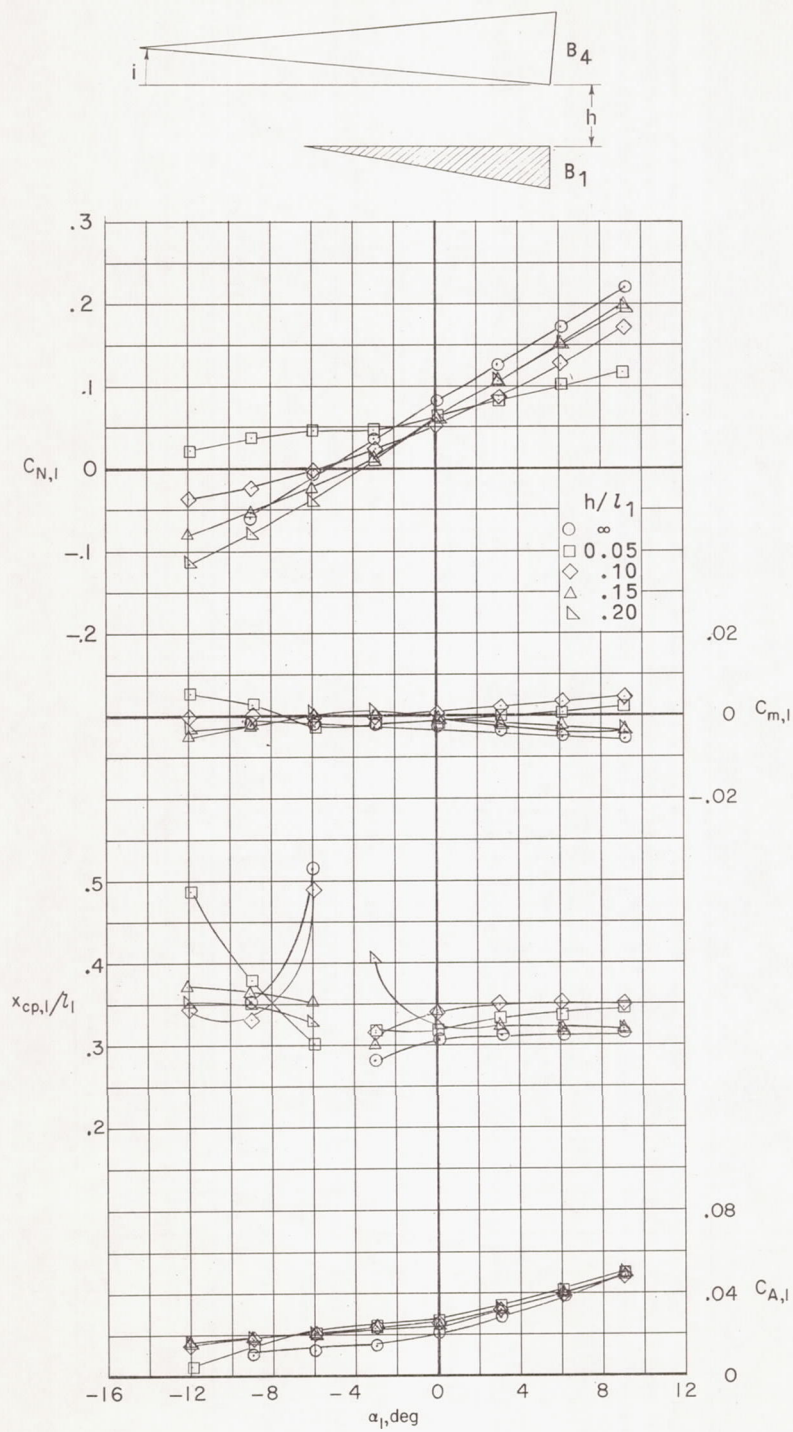
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Figure 8.- Concluded.



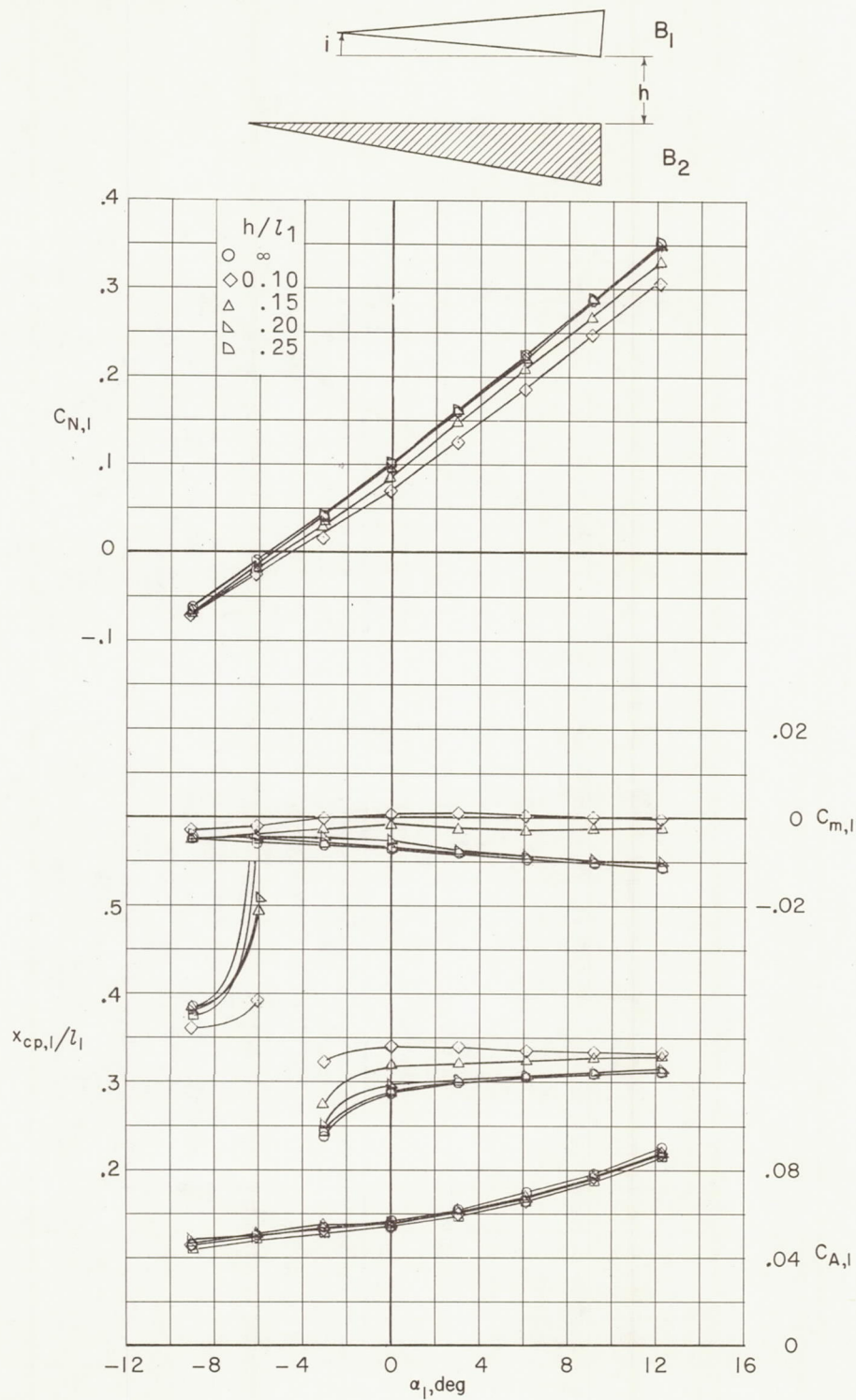
(a)  $M = 3$ .

Figure 9.- Longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of B<sub>1</sub> in presence of B<sub>4</sub>.  $i = 0^\circ$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 1.67$ .



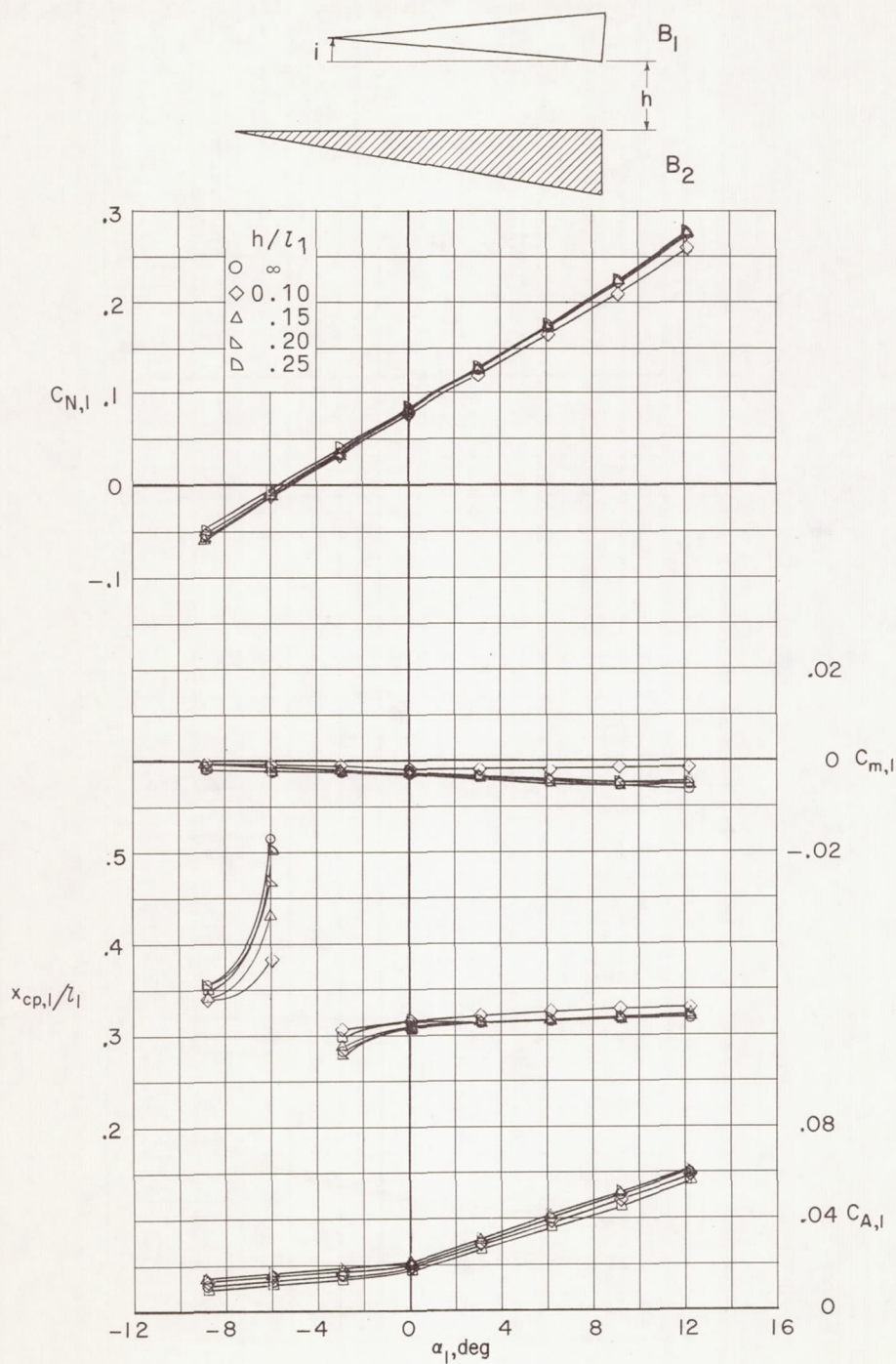
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Figure 9.- Concluded.



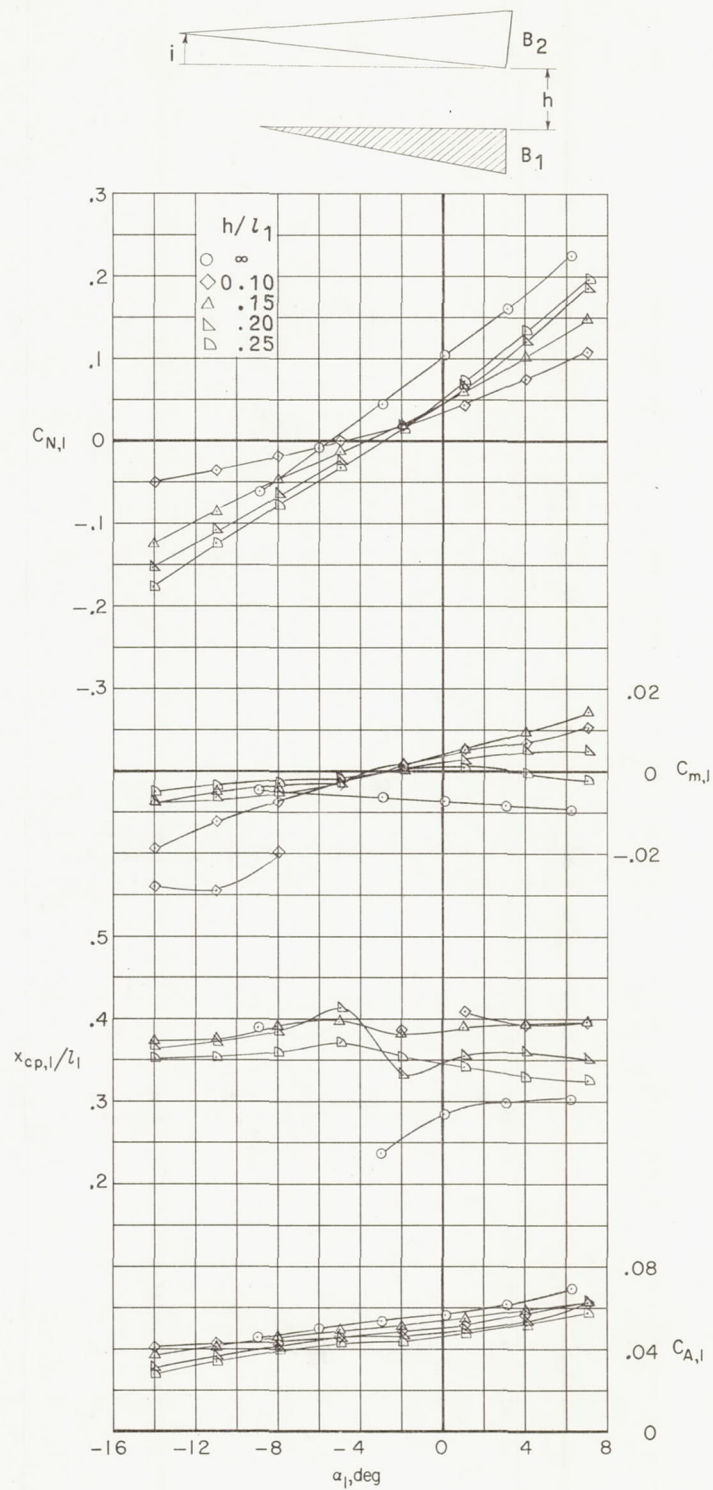
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Figure 10.- Longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of B<sub>2</sub> in presence of B<sub>1</sub>.  $i = 20^\circ$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 0.75$ .



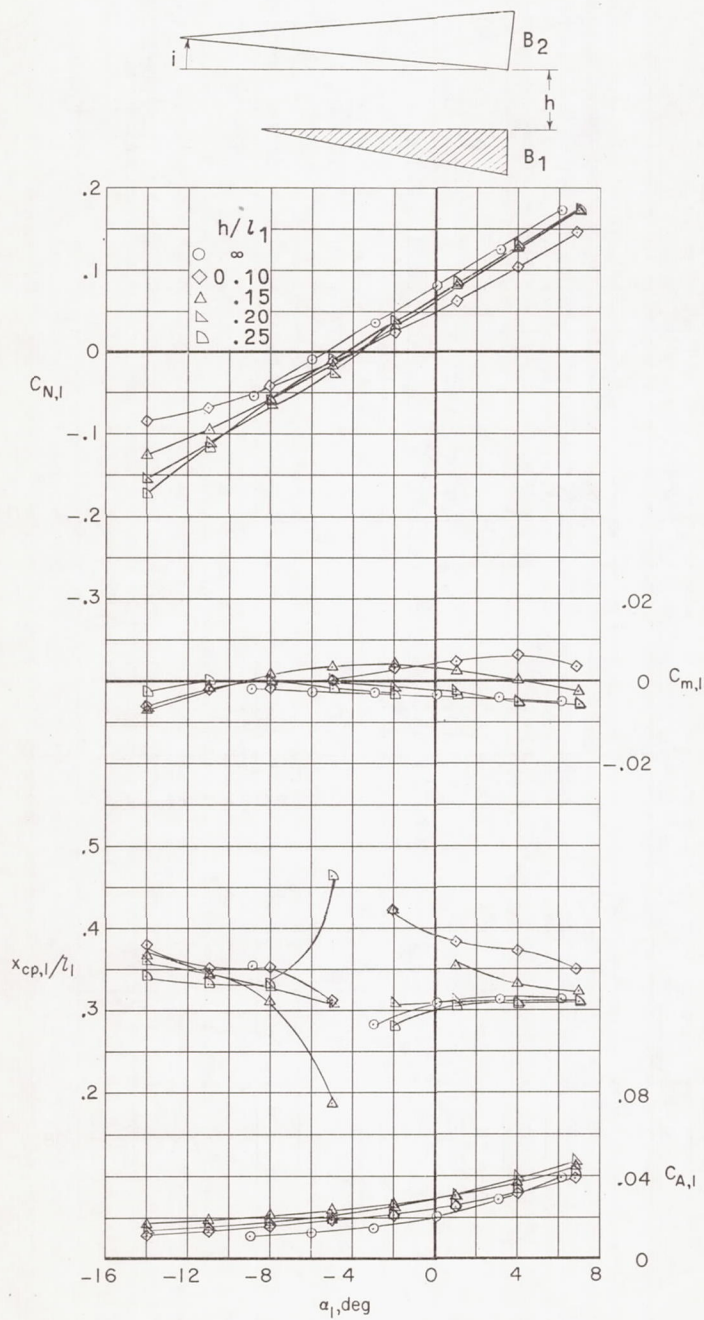
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Figure 10.- Concluded.



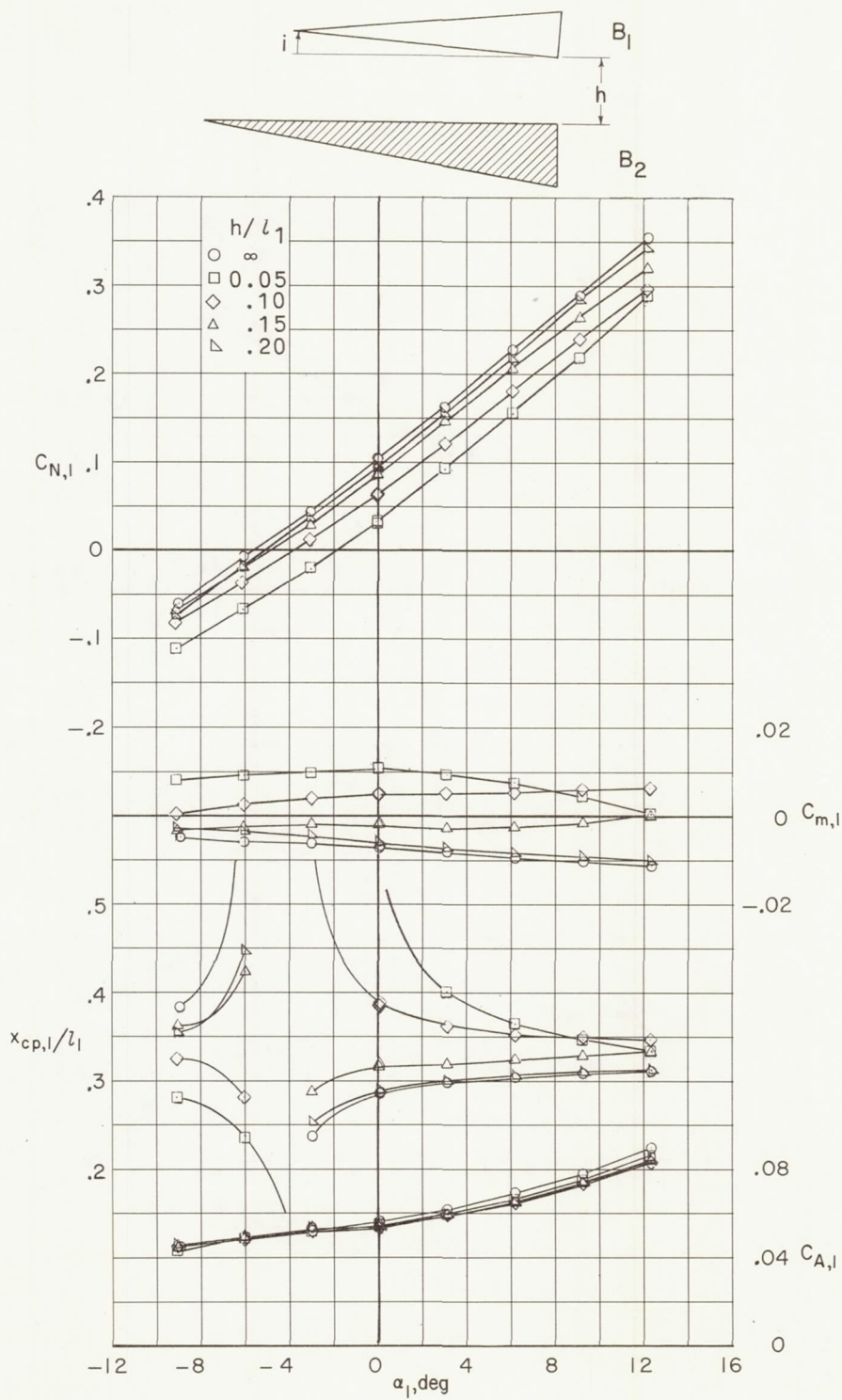
(a)  $M = 3$ .

Figure 11.- Longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of  $B_1$  in presence of  $B_2$ .  $i = 2^\circ$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 1.33$ .



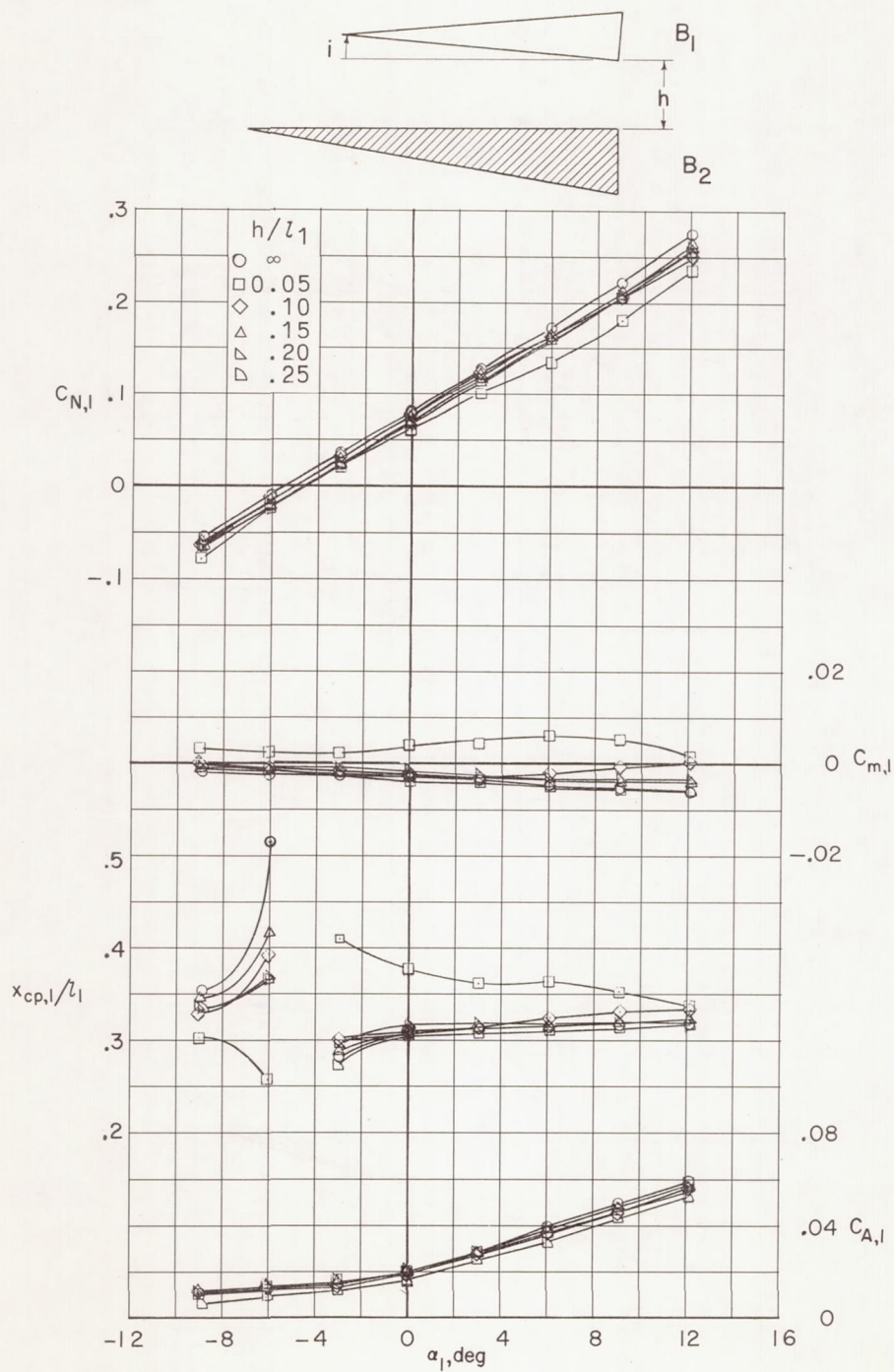
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Figure 11.- Concluded.



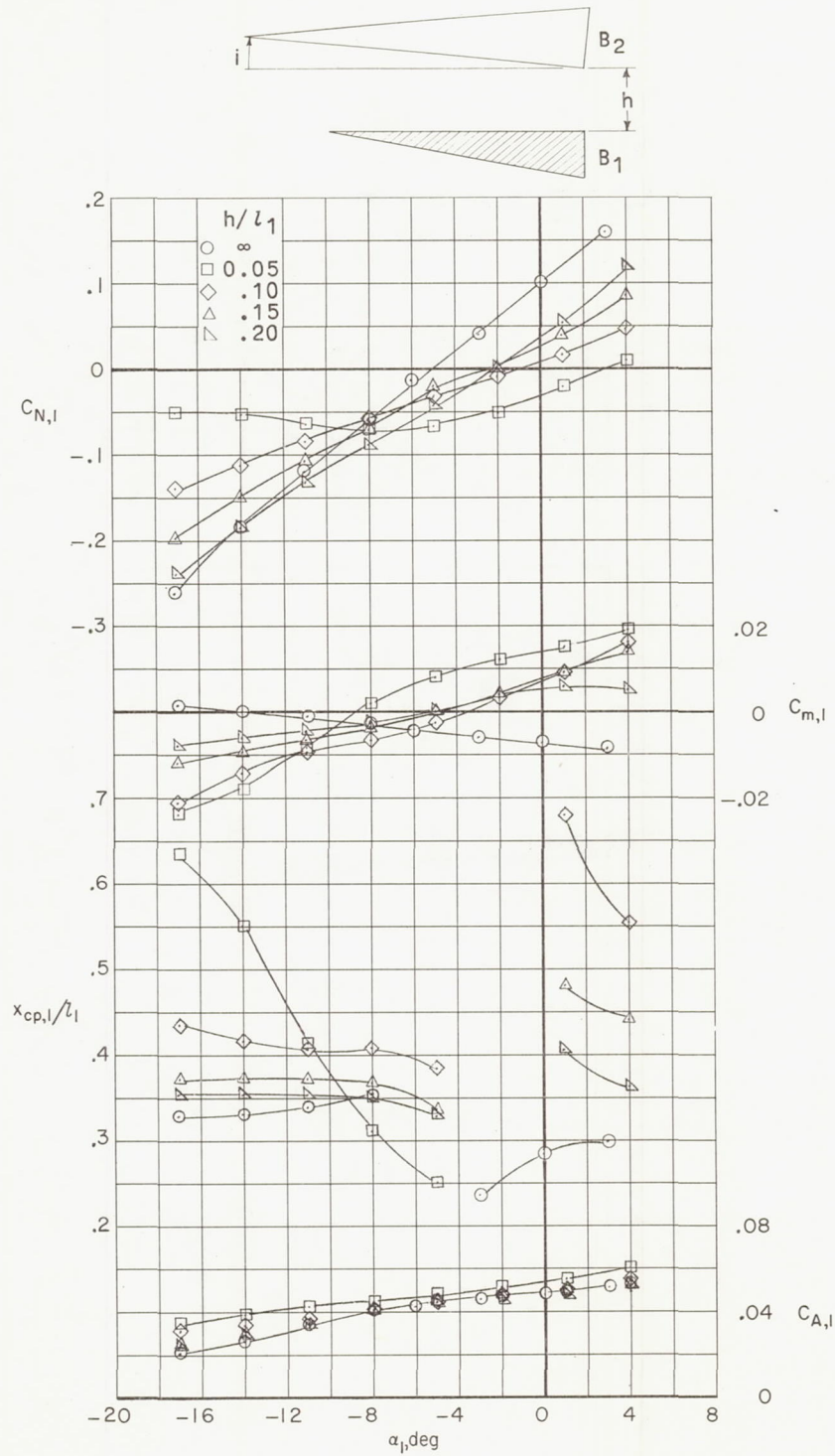
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Figure 12.- Longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of  $B_2$  in presence of  $B_1$ .  $i = 5^\circ$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 0.75$ .



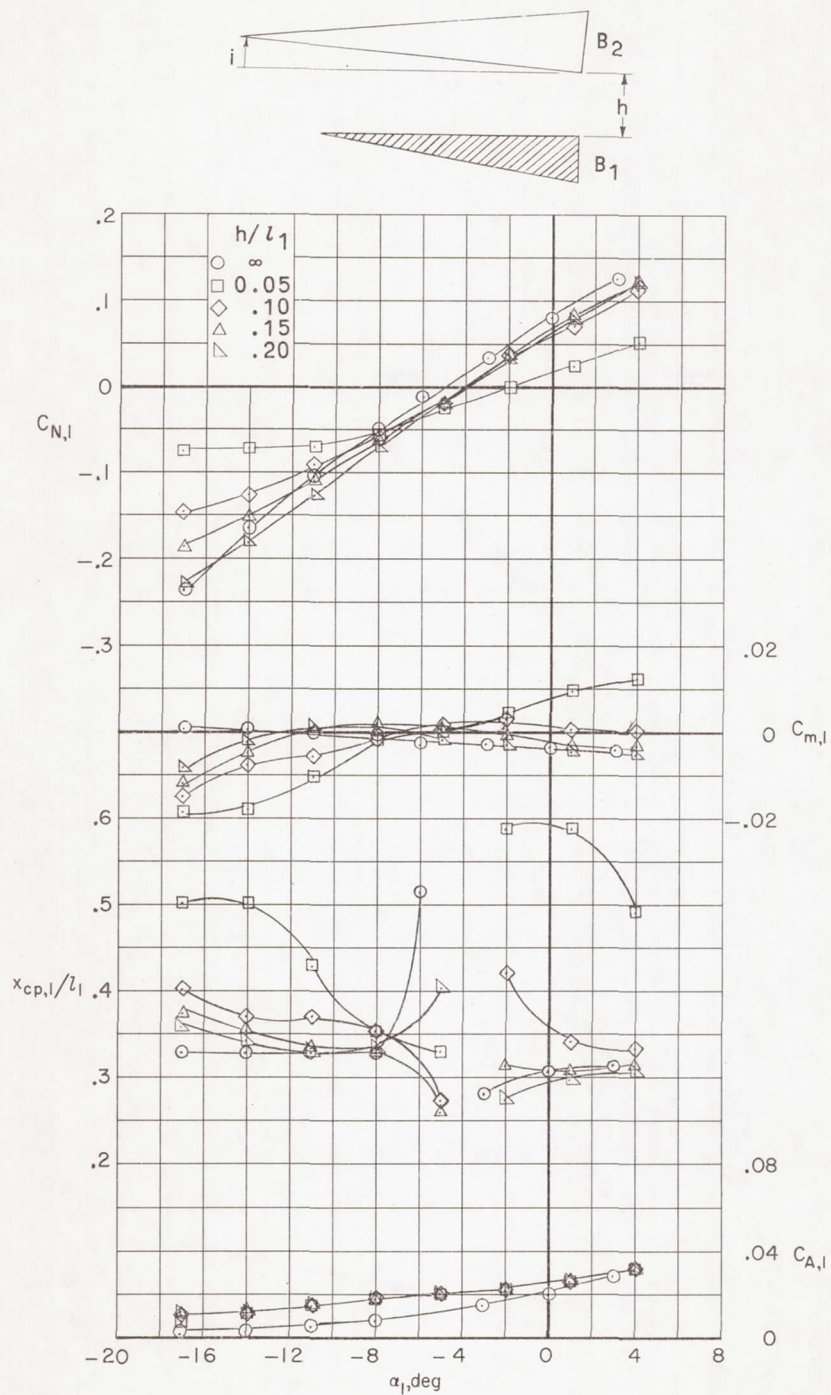
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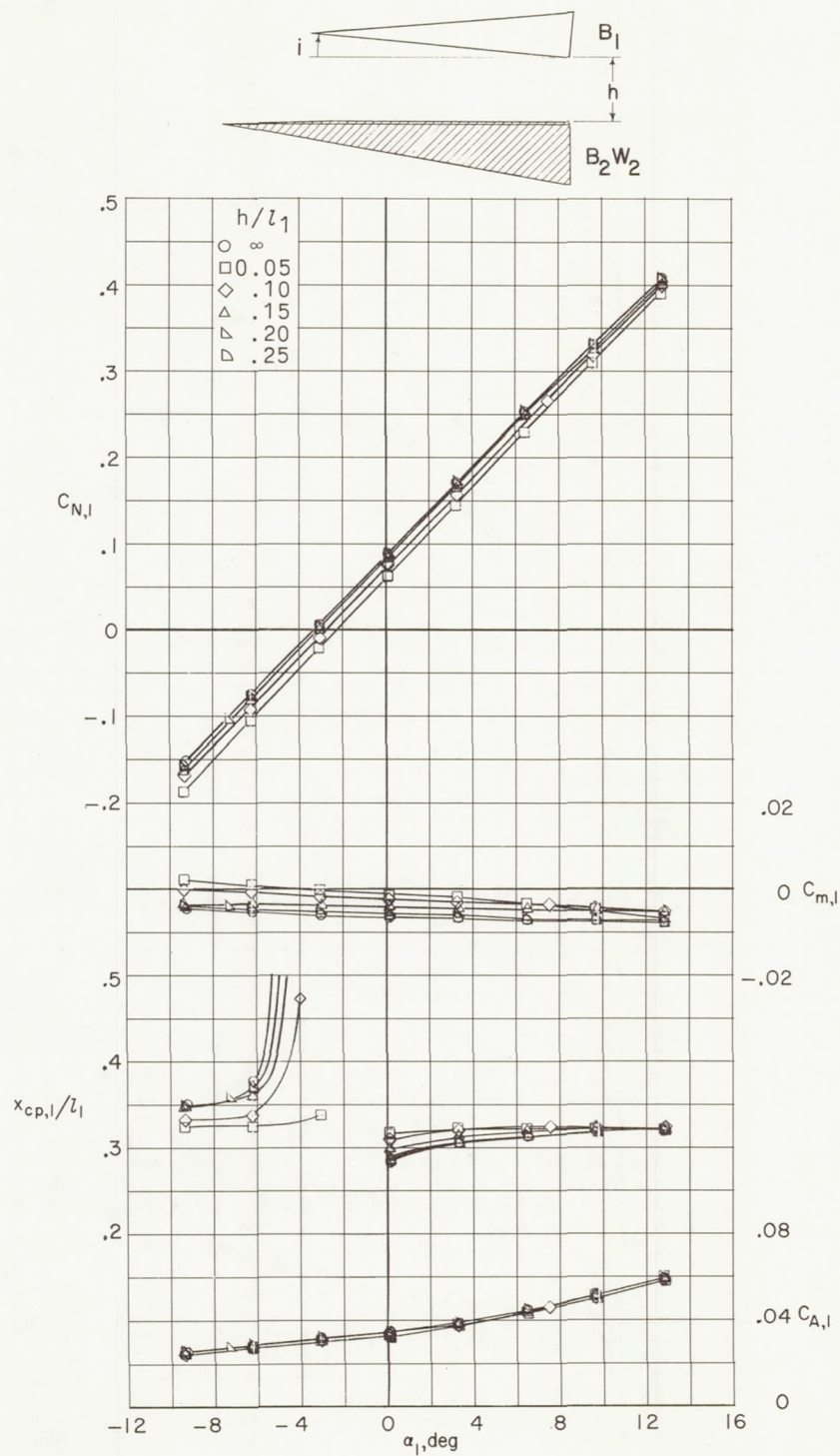
(a)  $M = 3$ .

Figure 13.- Longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of  $B_1$  in presence of  $B_2$ .  $i = 5^\circ$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 1.33$ .



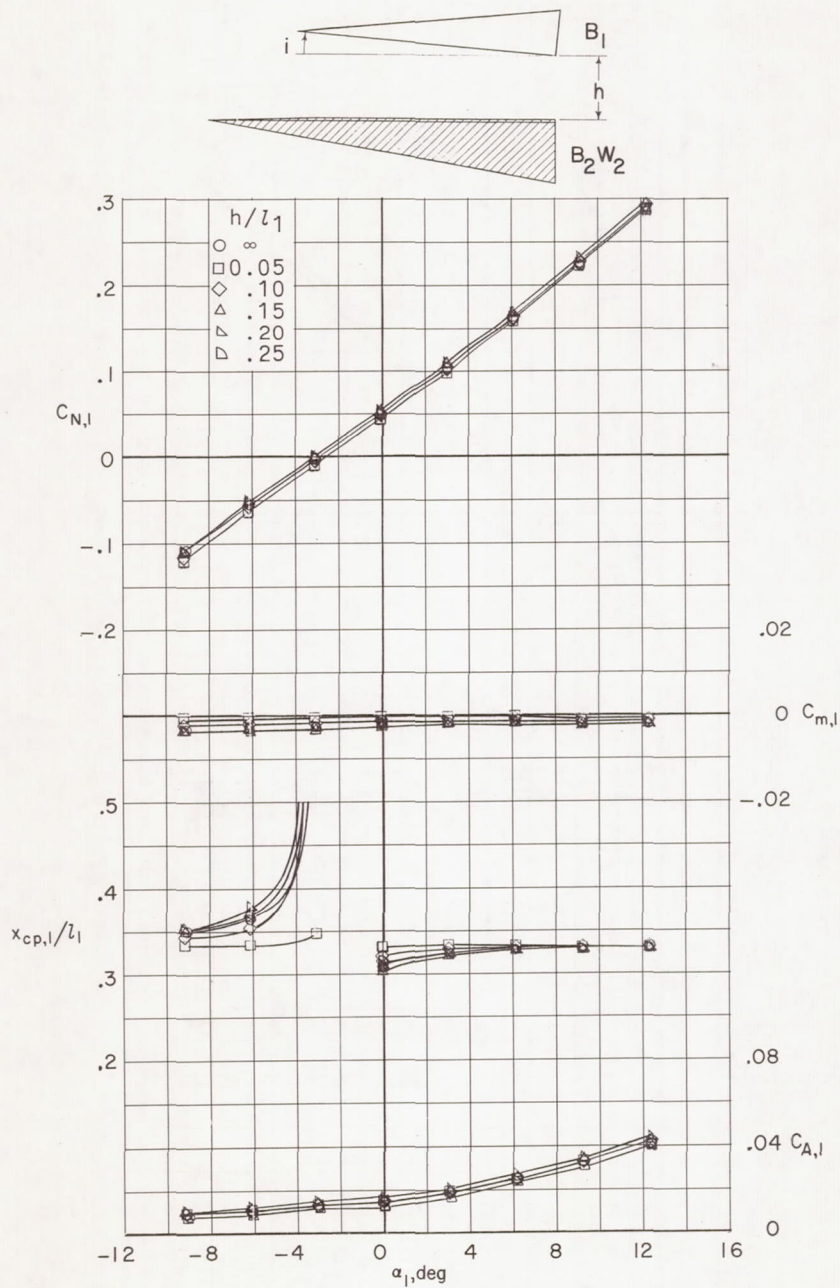
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Figure 13.- Concluded.



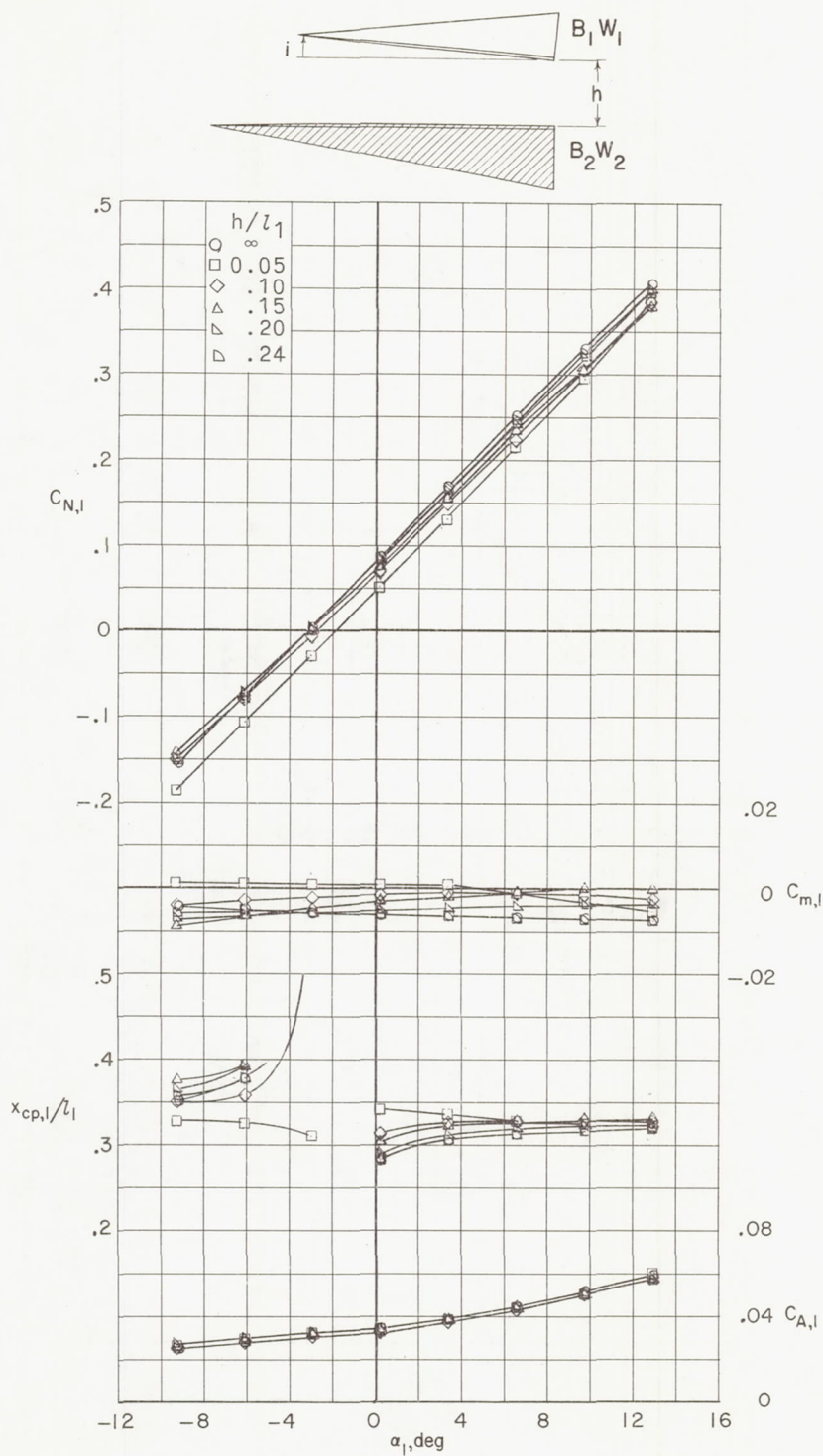
(a)  $M = 3$ .

Figure 14.- Longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of  $B_2W_2$  in presence of  $B_1$ .  $i = 0^\circ$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 0.75$ .



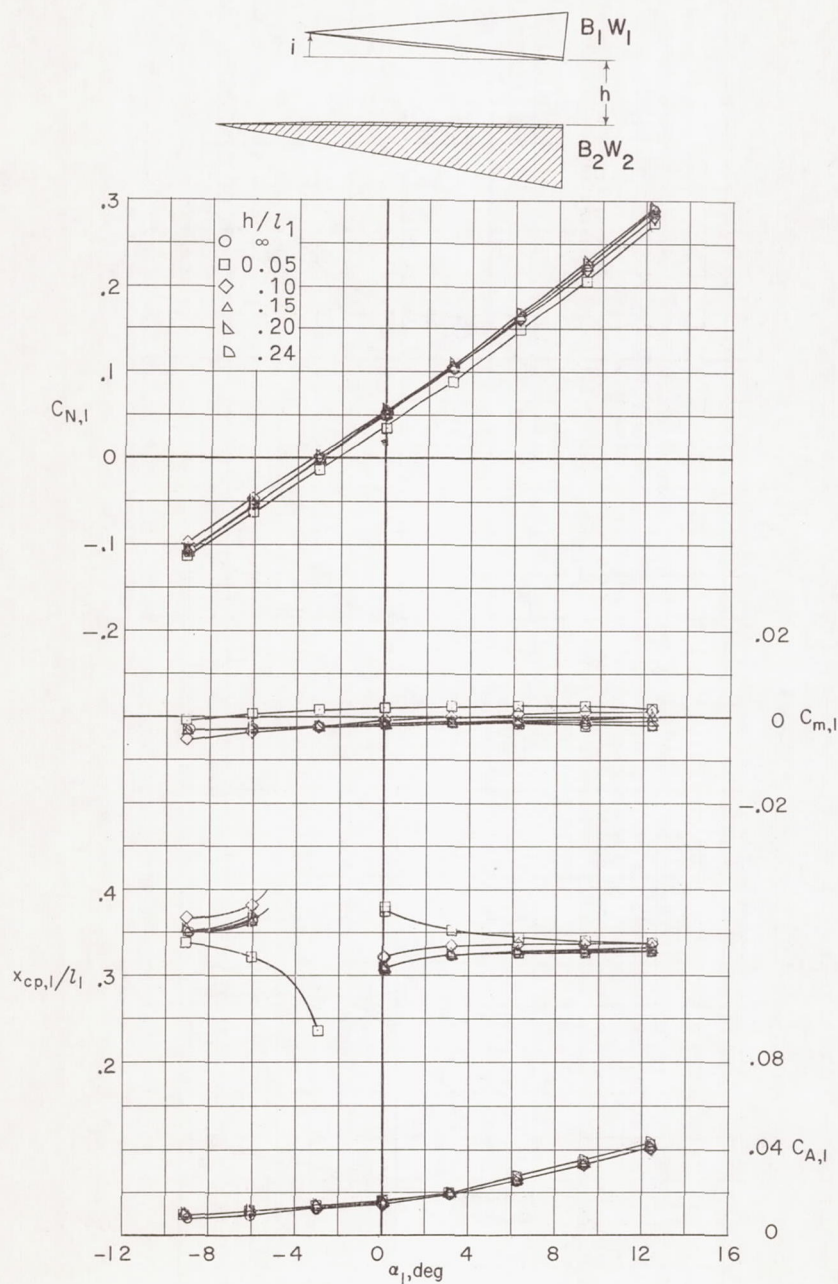
(b)  $M = 6$ .

Figure 14.- Concluded.



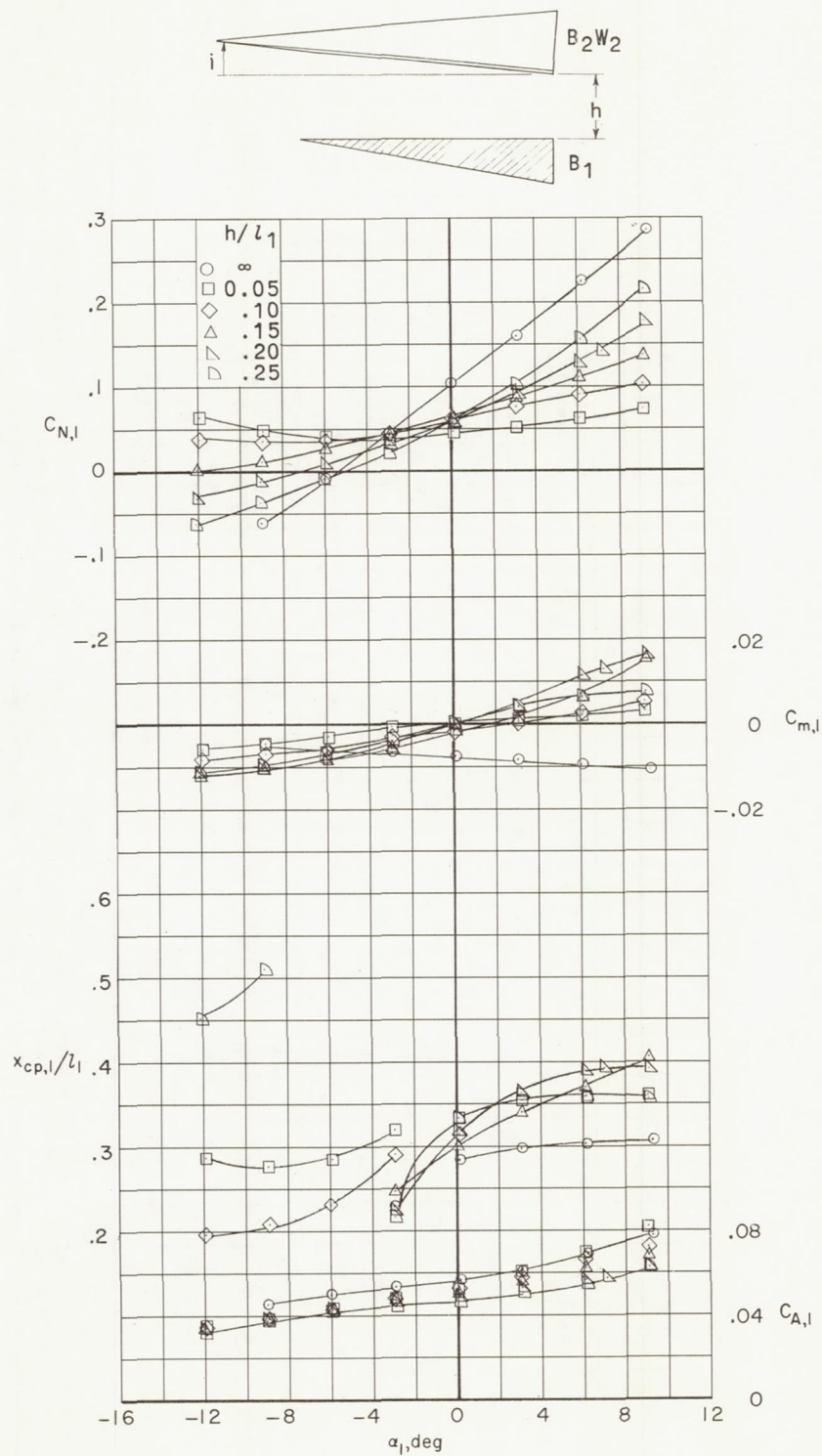
(a)  $M = 3$ .

Figure 15.- Longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of  $B_2W_2$  in presence of  $B_1W_1$ .  $i = 0^\circ$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 0.75$ .



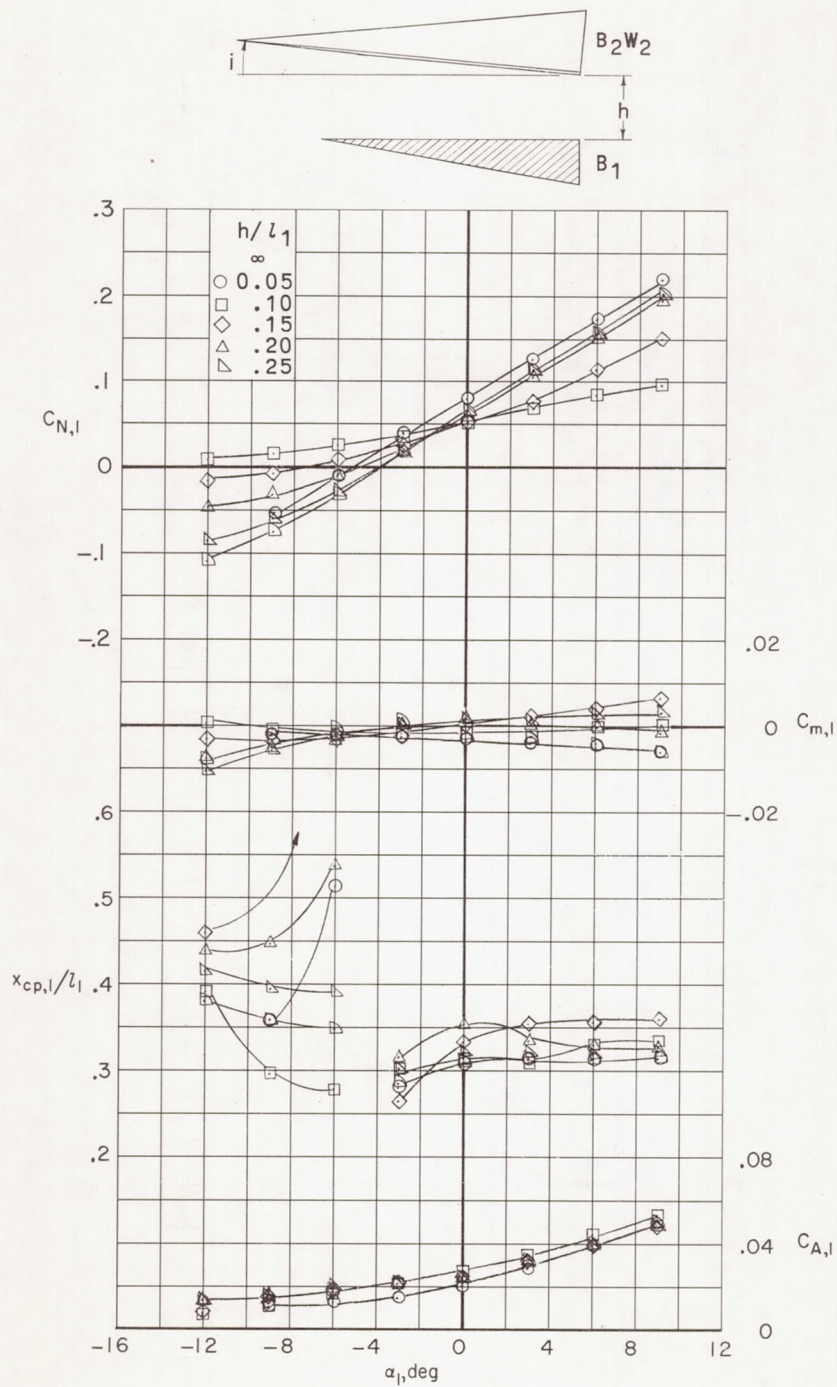
(b)  $M = 6$ .

Figure 15.- Concluded.



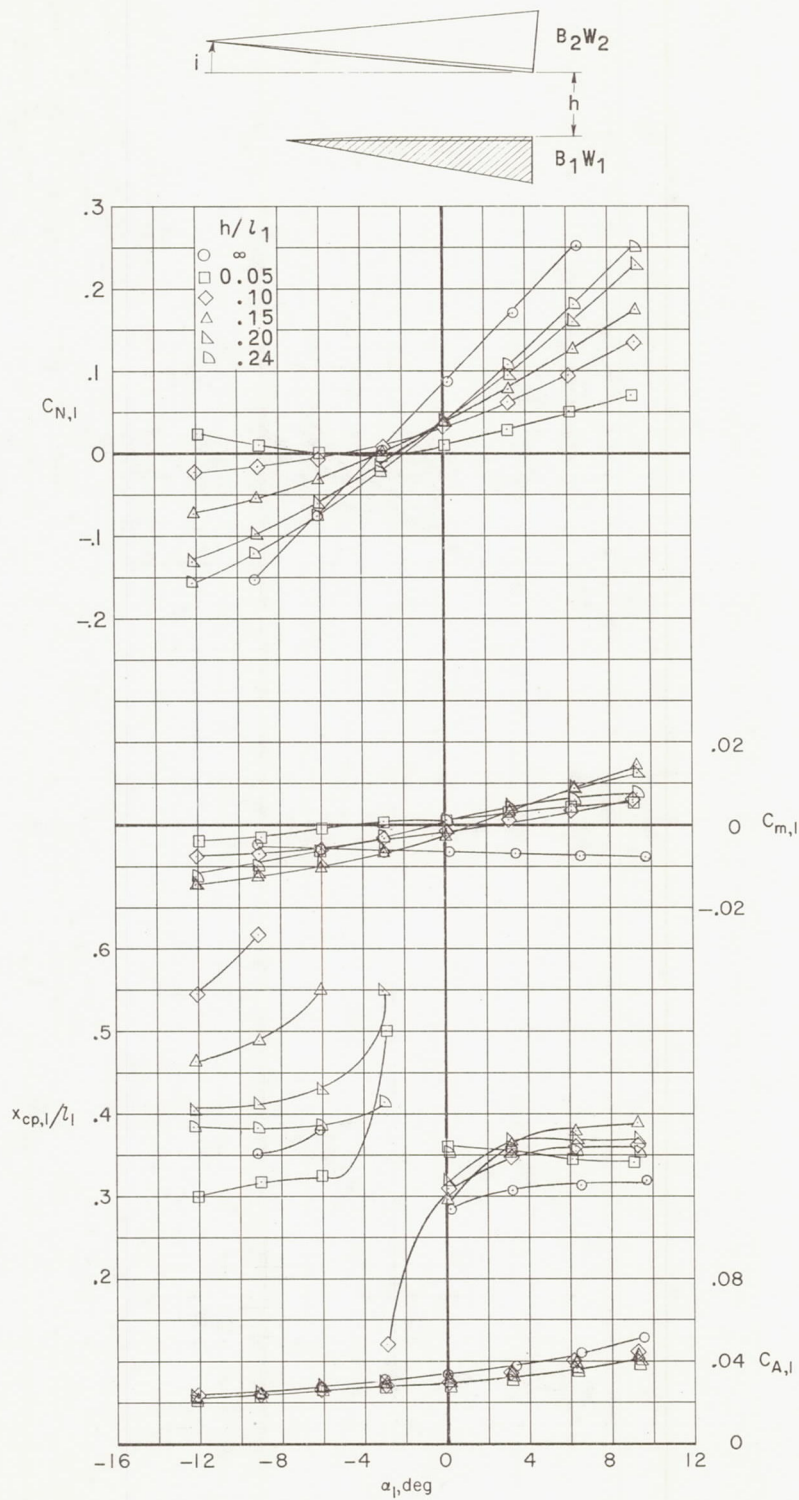
(a)  $M = 3$ .

Figure 16.- Longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of  $B_1$  in presence of  $B_2W_2$ .  $i = 0^\circ$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 1.33$ .



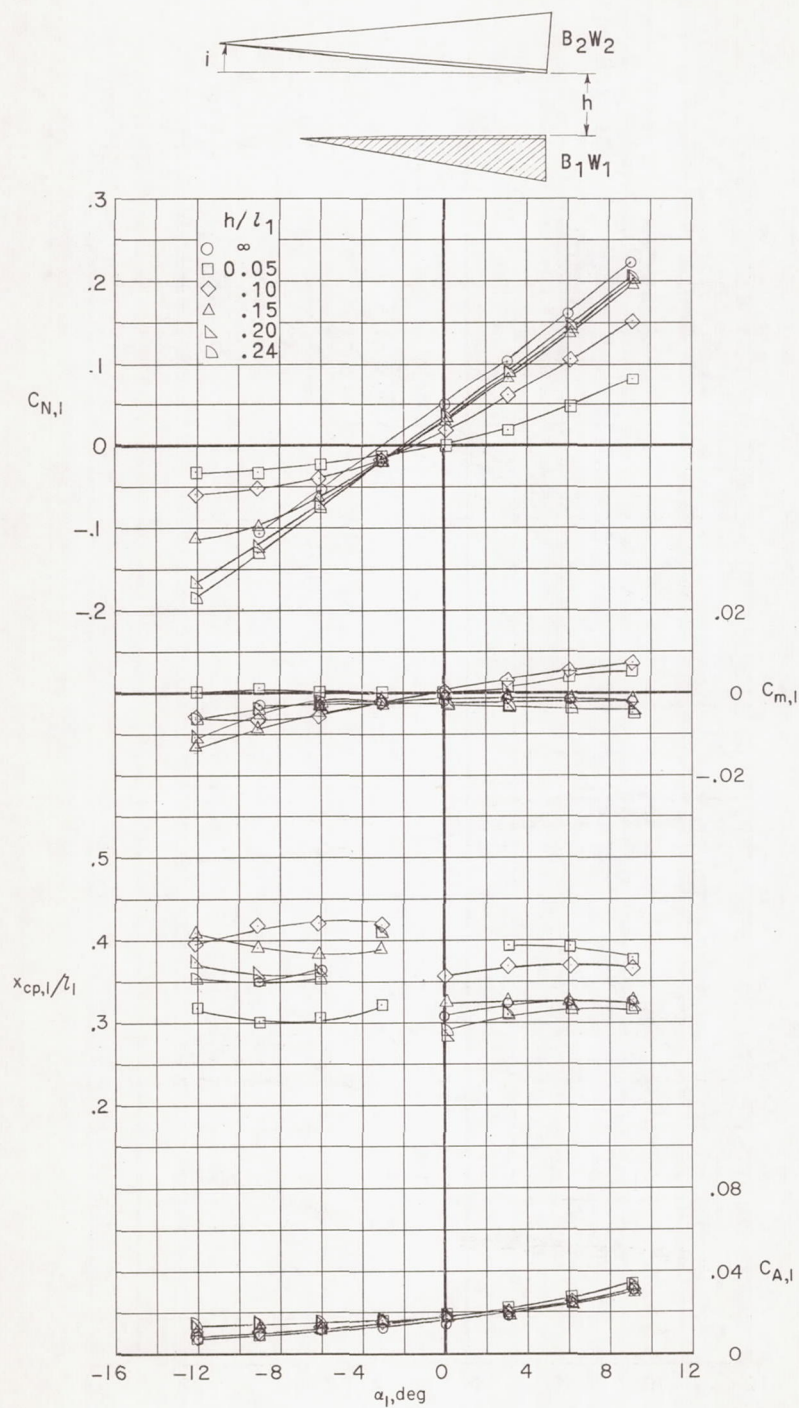
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Figure 16.- Concluded.



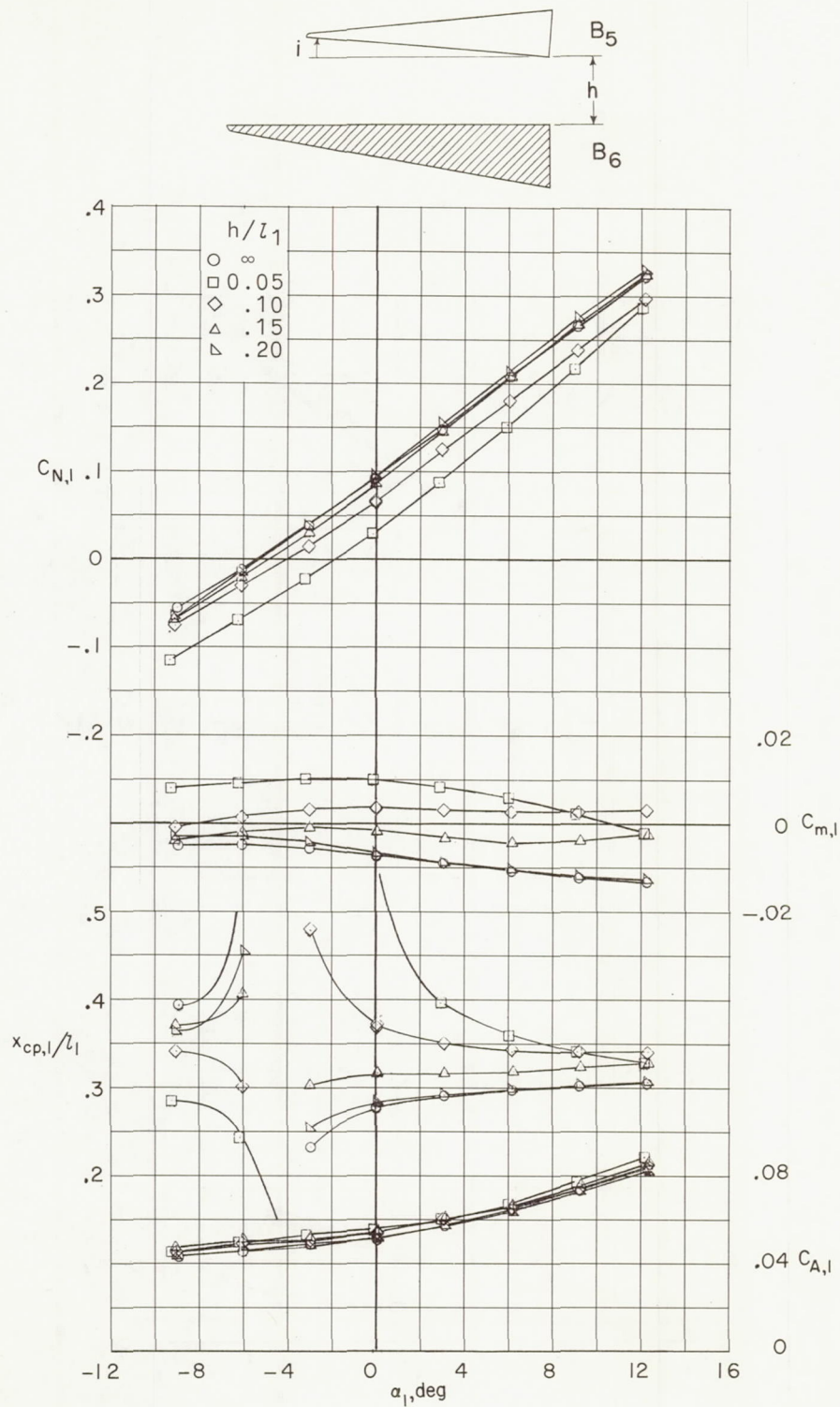
(a)  $M = 3$ .

Figure 17.- Longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of  $B_1W_1$  in presence of  $B_2W_2$ .  $i = 0^\circ$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 1.33$ .



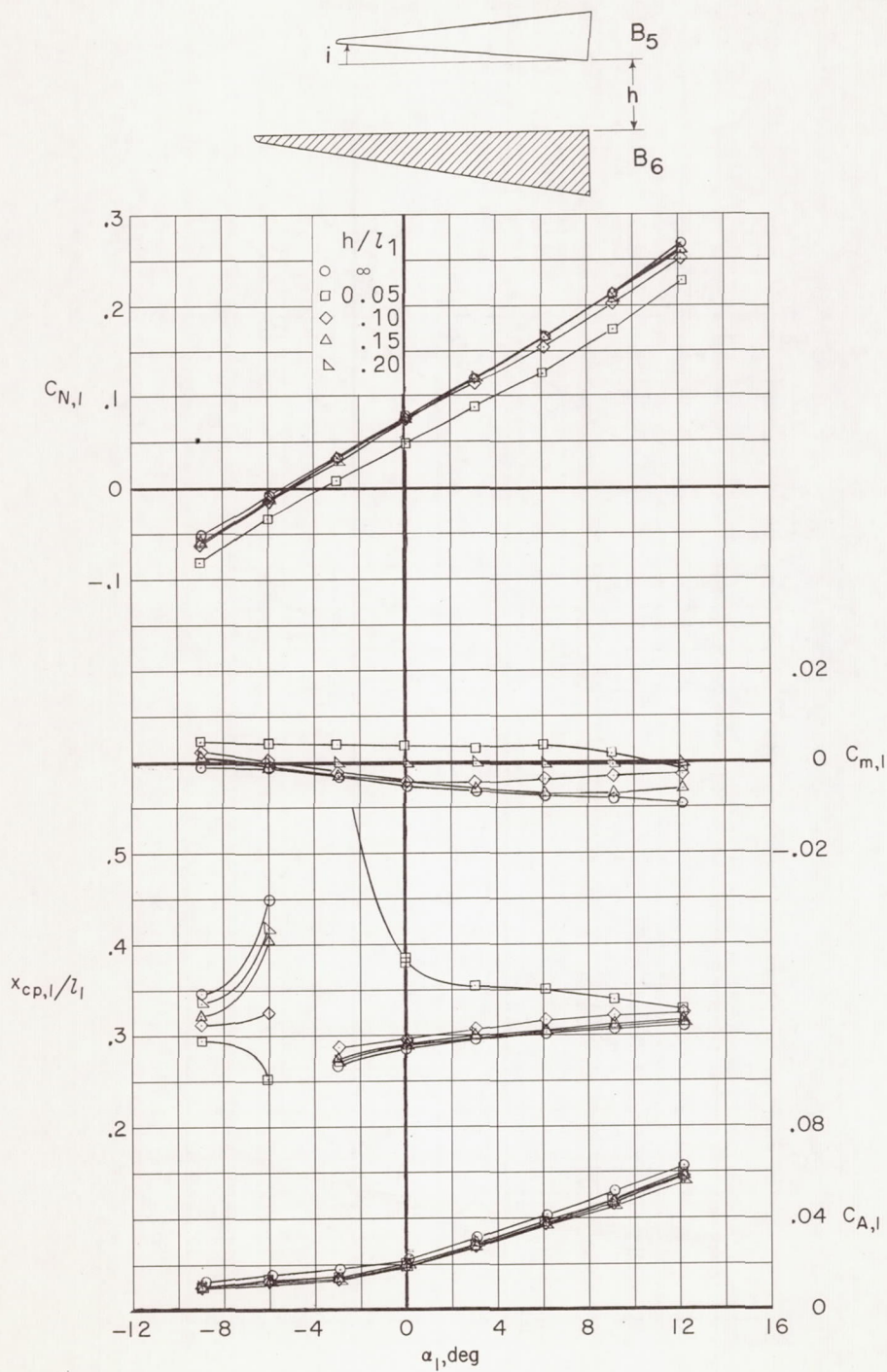
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Figure 17.- Concluded.



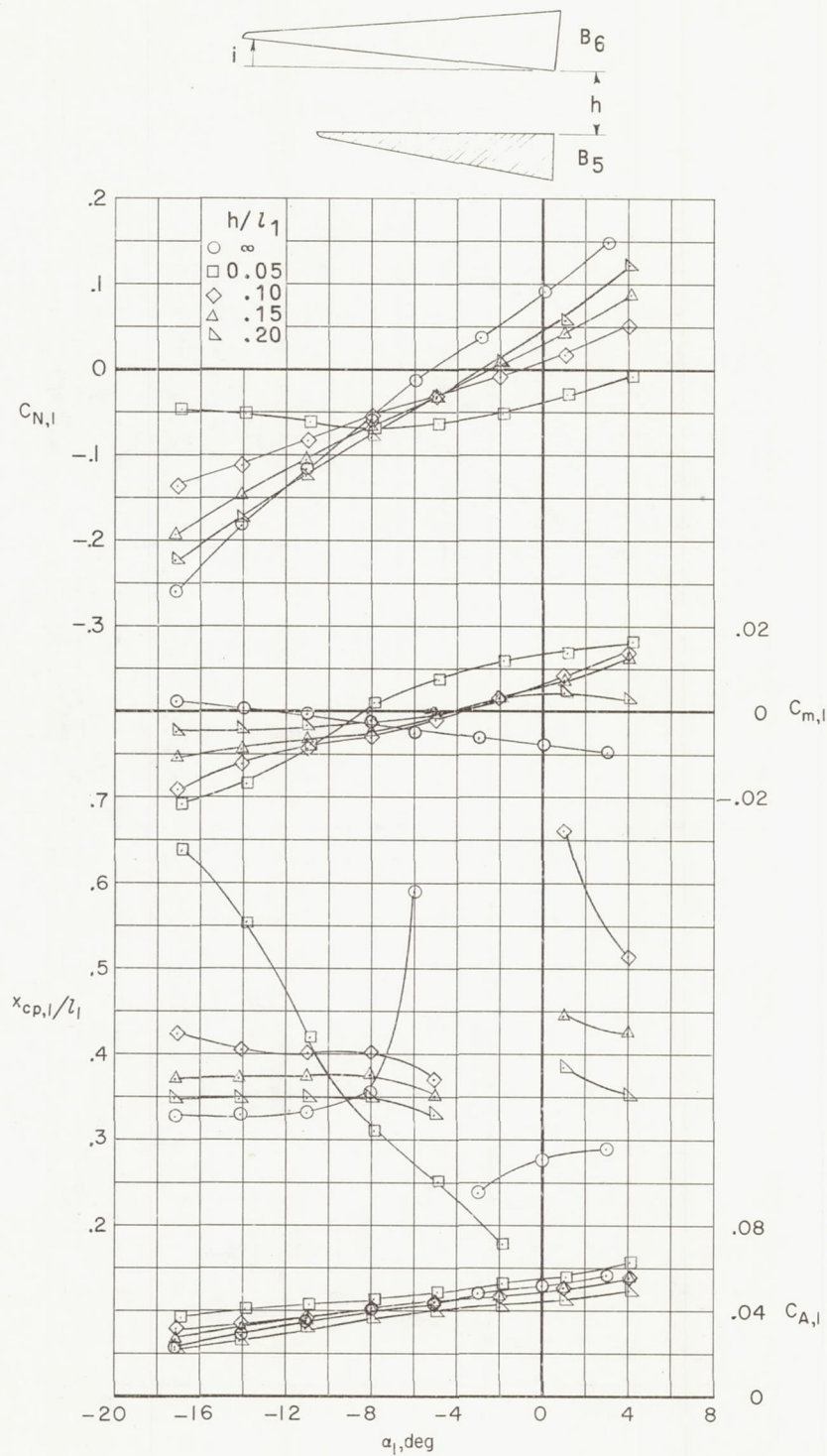
(a)  $M = 3$ .

Figure 18.- Longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of  $B_6$  in presence of  $B_5$ .  $i = 5^\circ$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 0.75$ .



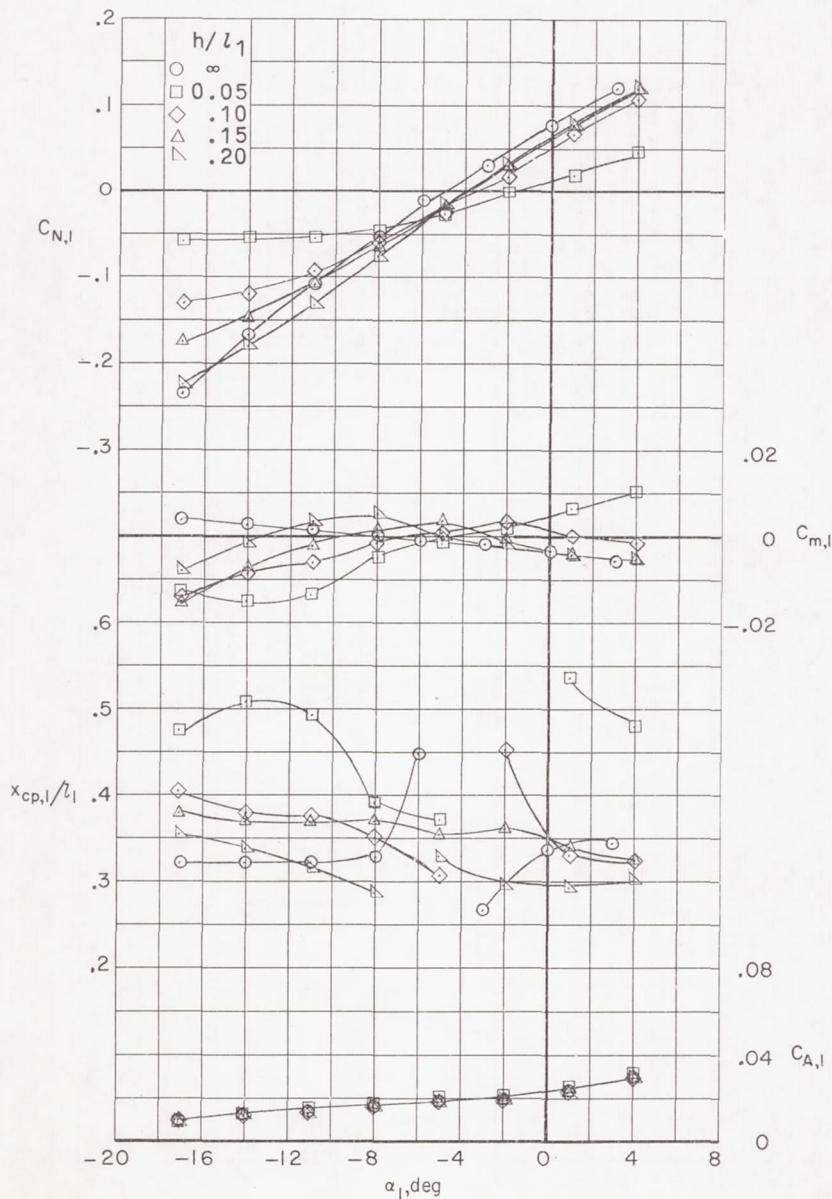
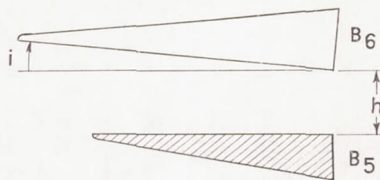
(b)  $M = 6$ .

Figure 18.- Concluded.



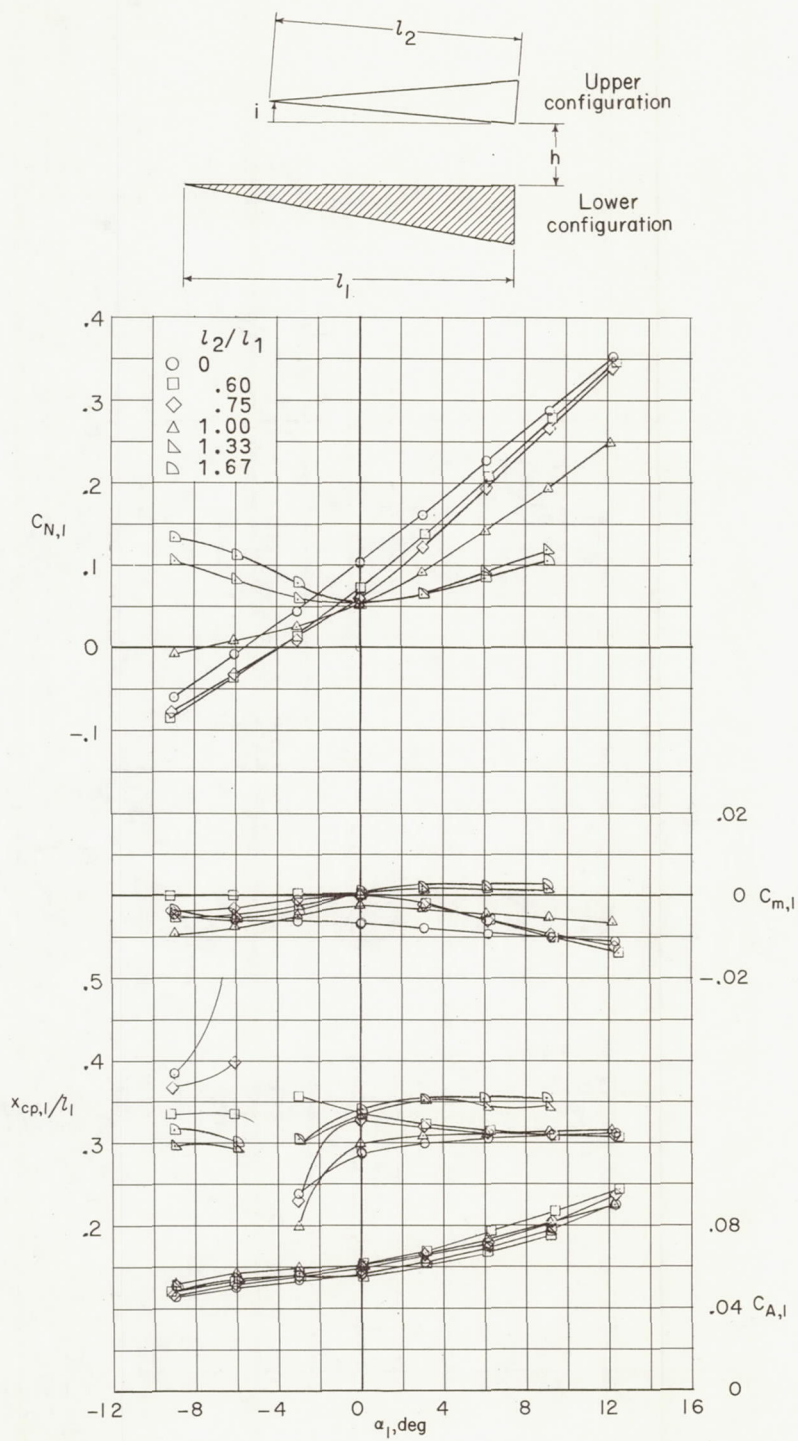
(a)  $M = 3$ .

Figure 19.- Longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of  $B_5$  in presence of  $B_6$ .  $i = 5^\circ$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 1.33$ .



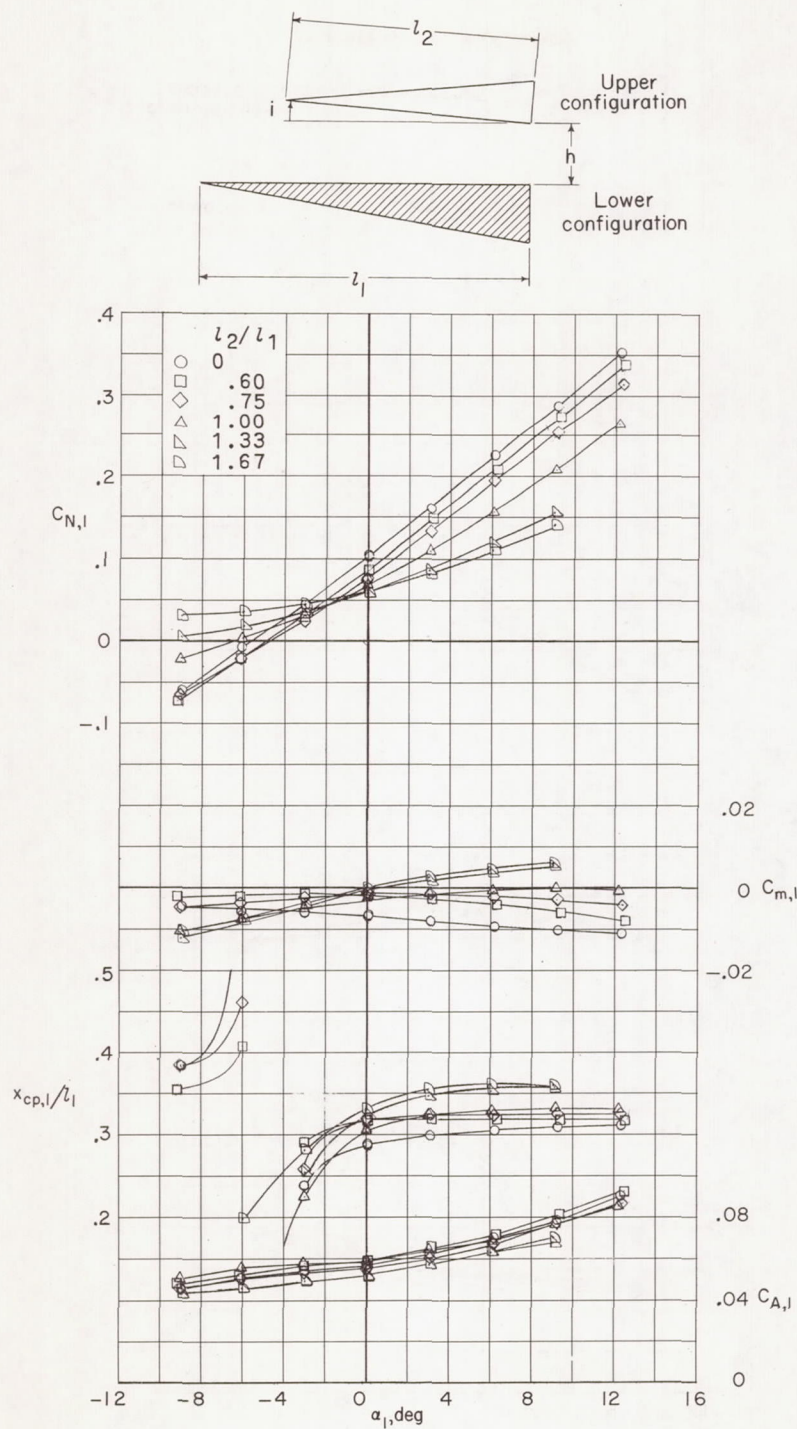
(b)  $M = 6$ .

Figure 19.- Concluded.



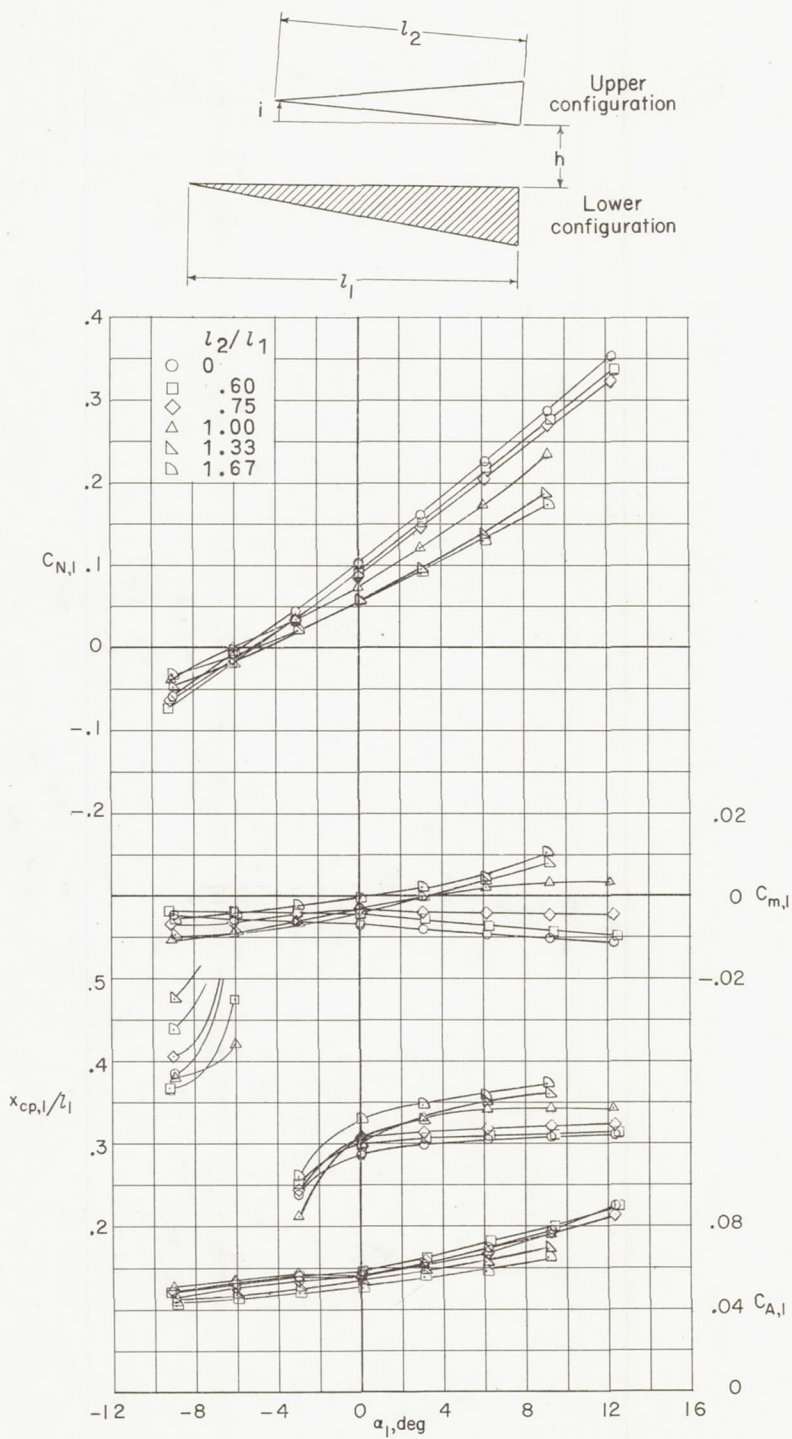
(a)  $M = 3$ ;  $i = 0^\circ$ ;  $h/l_1 = 0.05$ .

Figure 20.- Effect of relative size of upper configuration on longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of lower configuration.



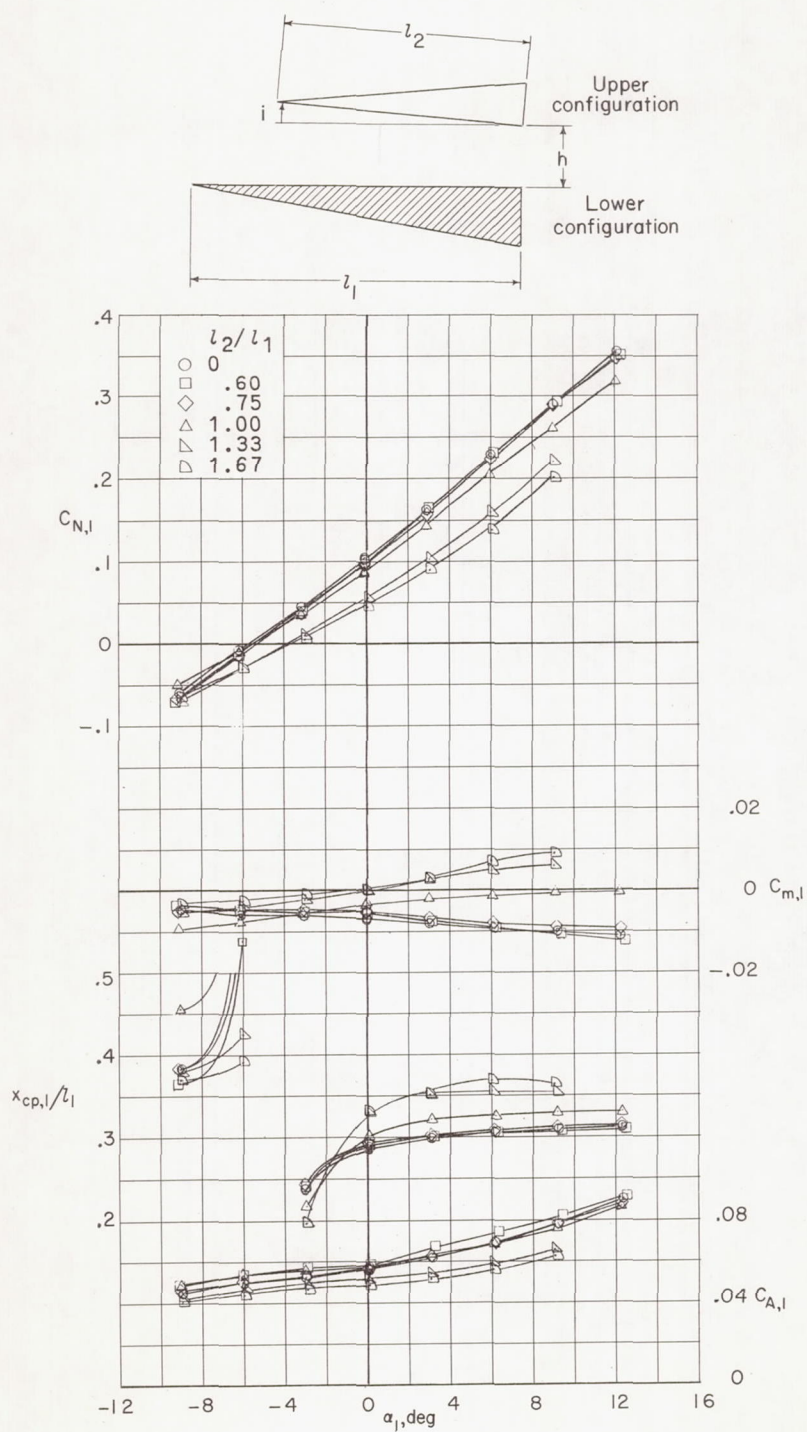
(b)  $M = 3$ ;  $i = 0^\circ$ ;  $h/l_1 = 0.10$ .

Figure 20.- Continued.



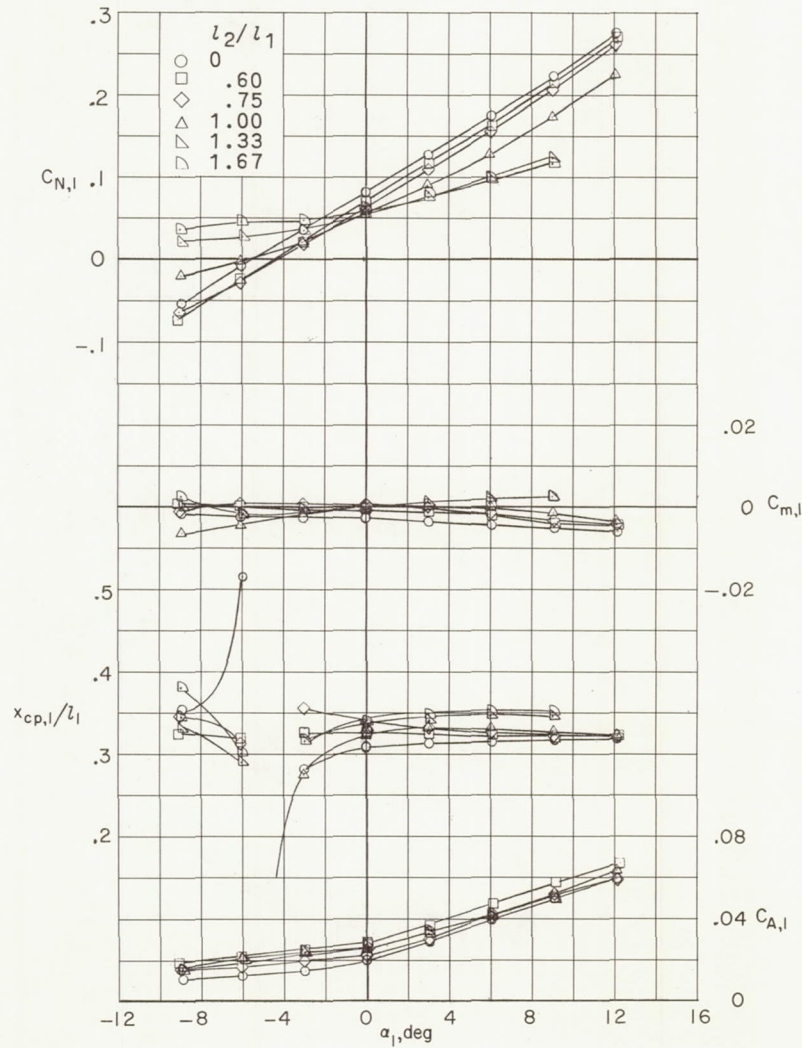
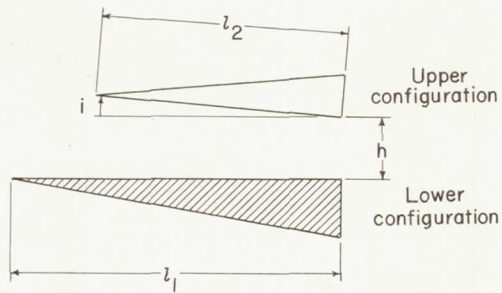
(c)  $M = 3$ ;  $i = 0^\circ$ ;  $h/l_1 = 0.15$ .

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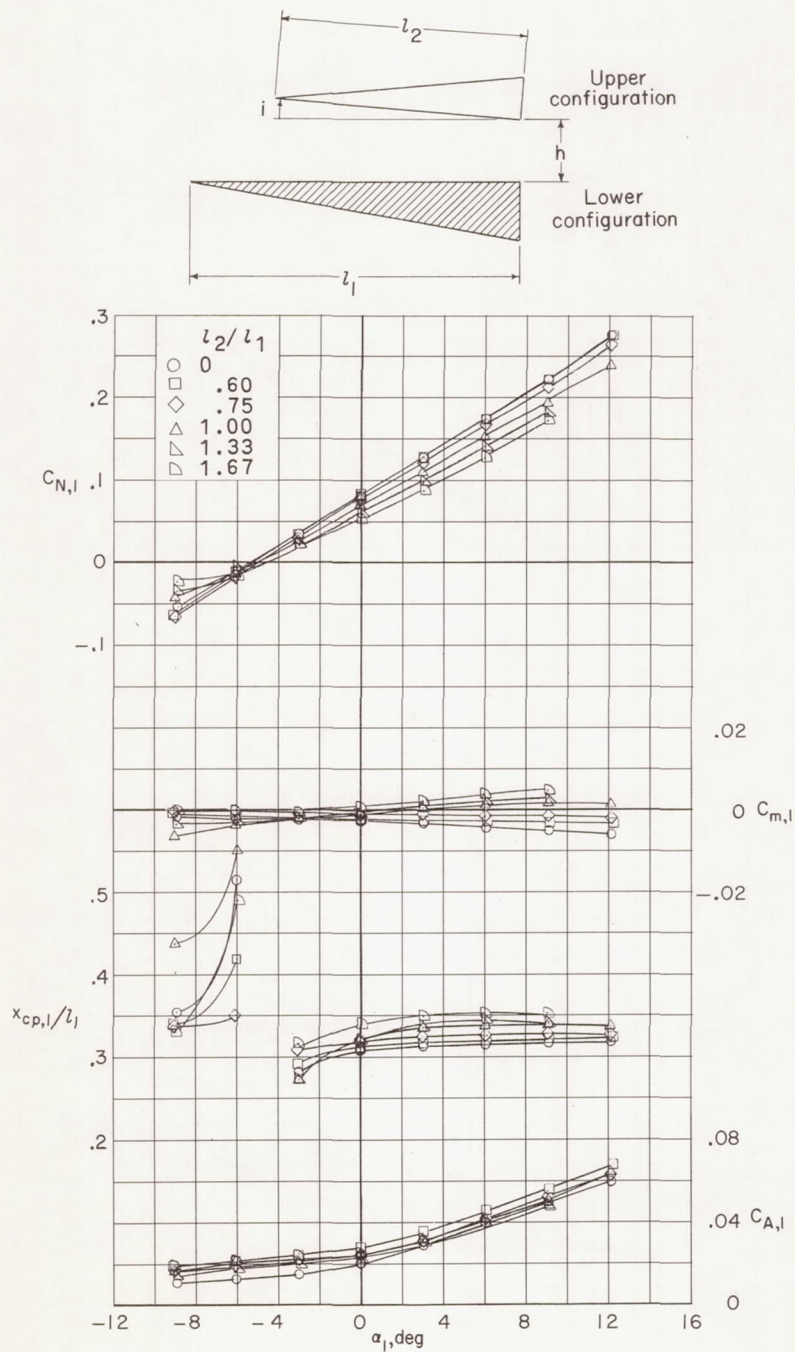
(d)  $M = 3$ ;  $i = 0^\circ$ ;  $h/l_1 = 0.20$ .

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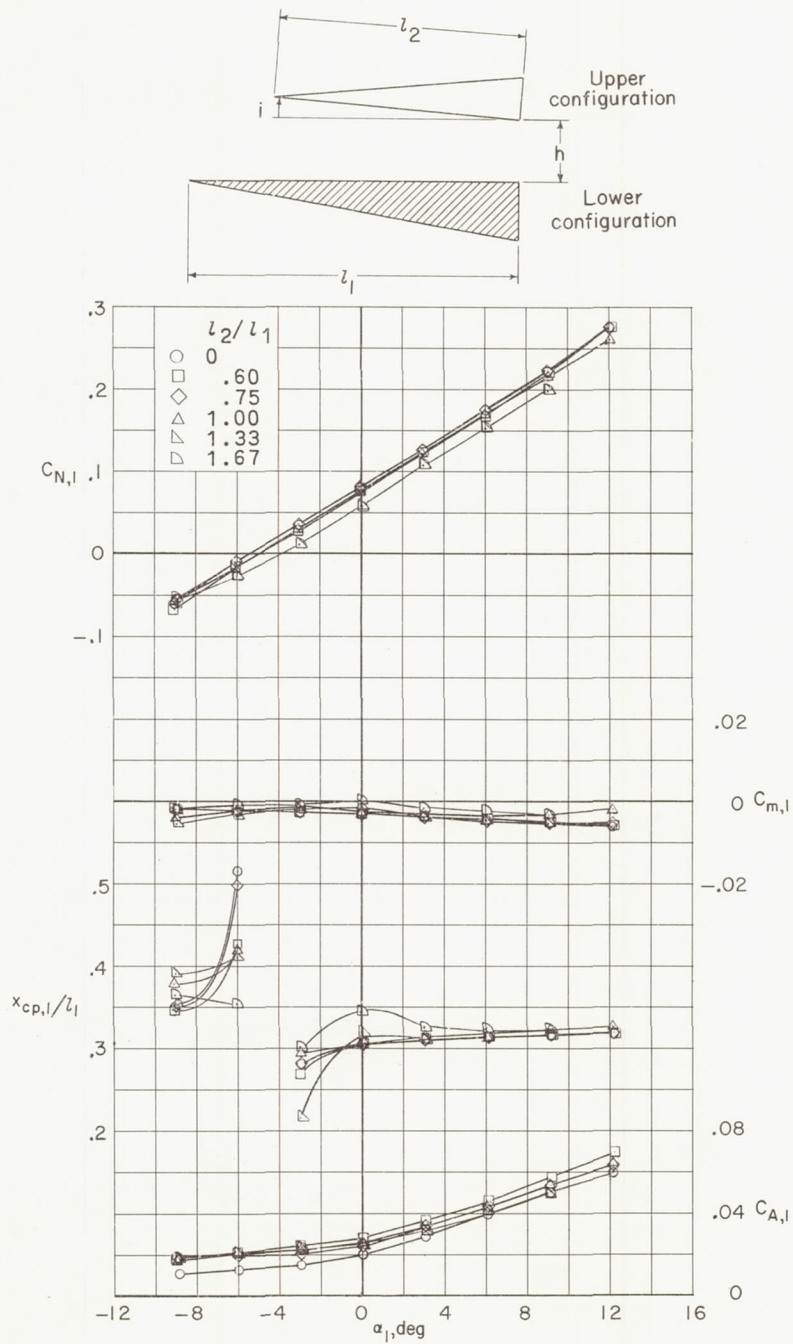
(e)  $M = 6$ ;  $i = 0^\circ$ ;  $h/l_1 = 0.05$ .

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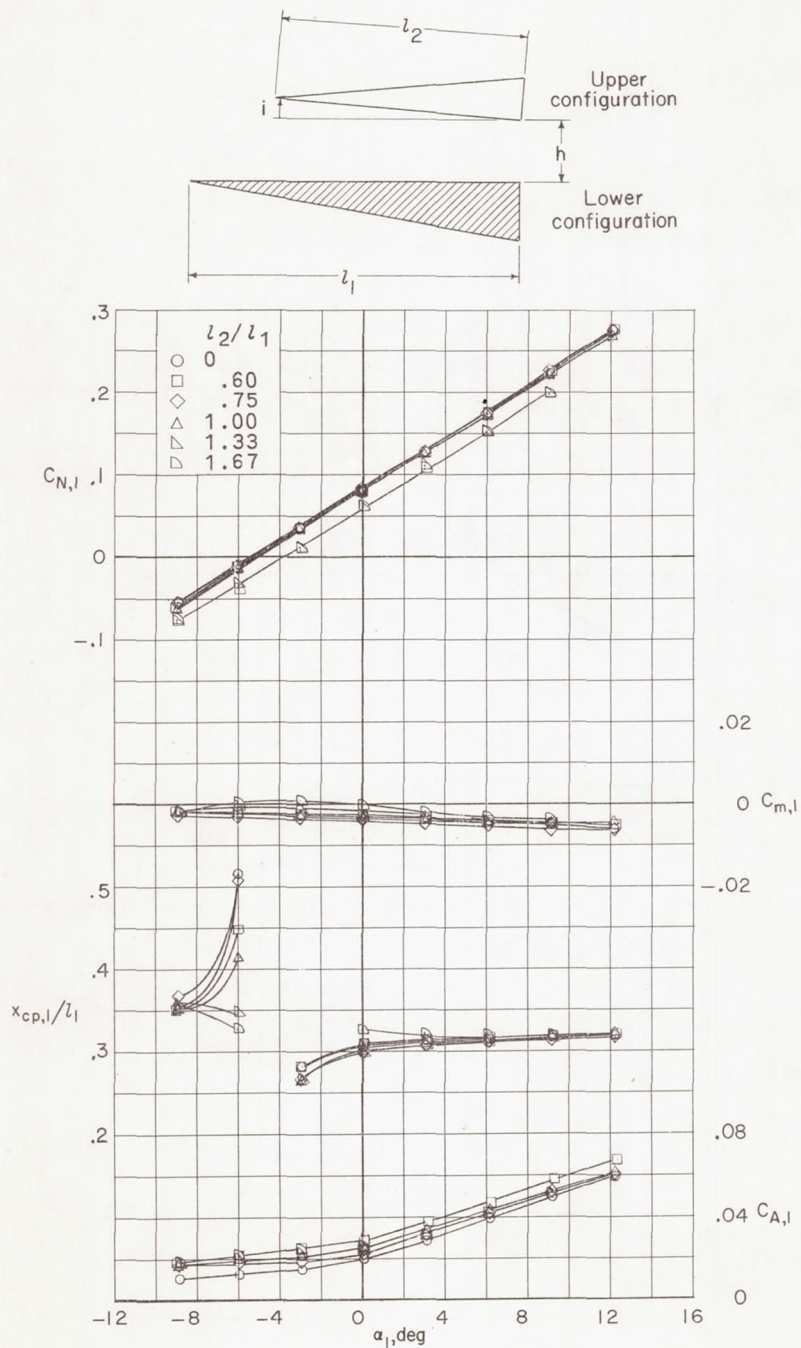
(f)  $M = 6$ ;  $i = 0^\circ$ ;  $h/l_1 = 0.10$ .

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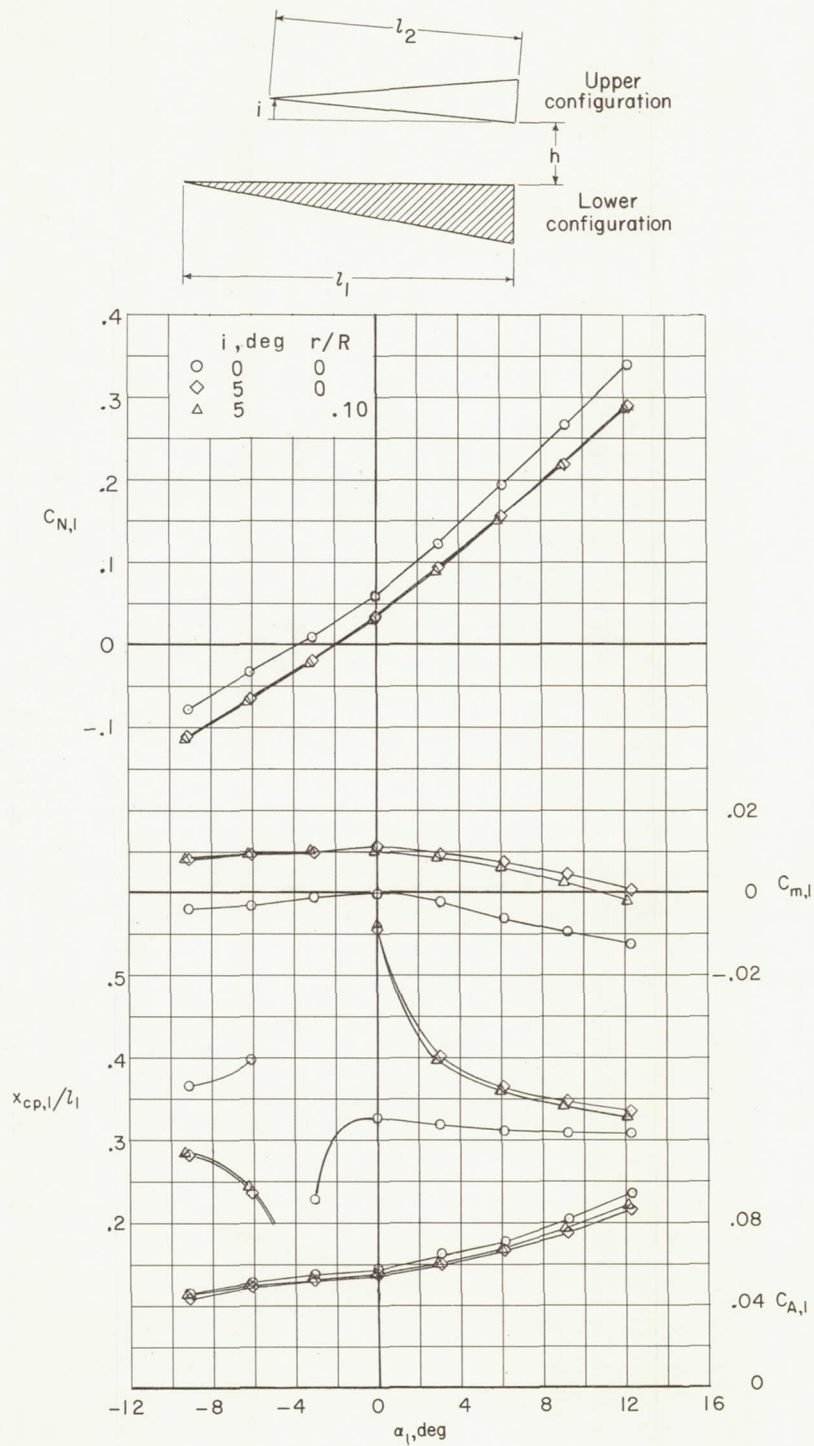
(g)  $M = 6$ ;  $i = 0^\circ$ ;  $h/l_1 = 0.15$ .

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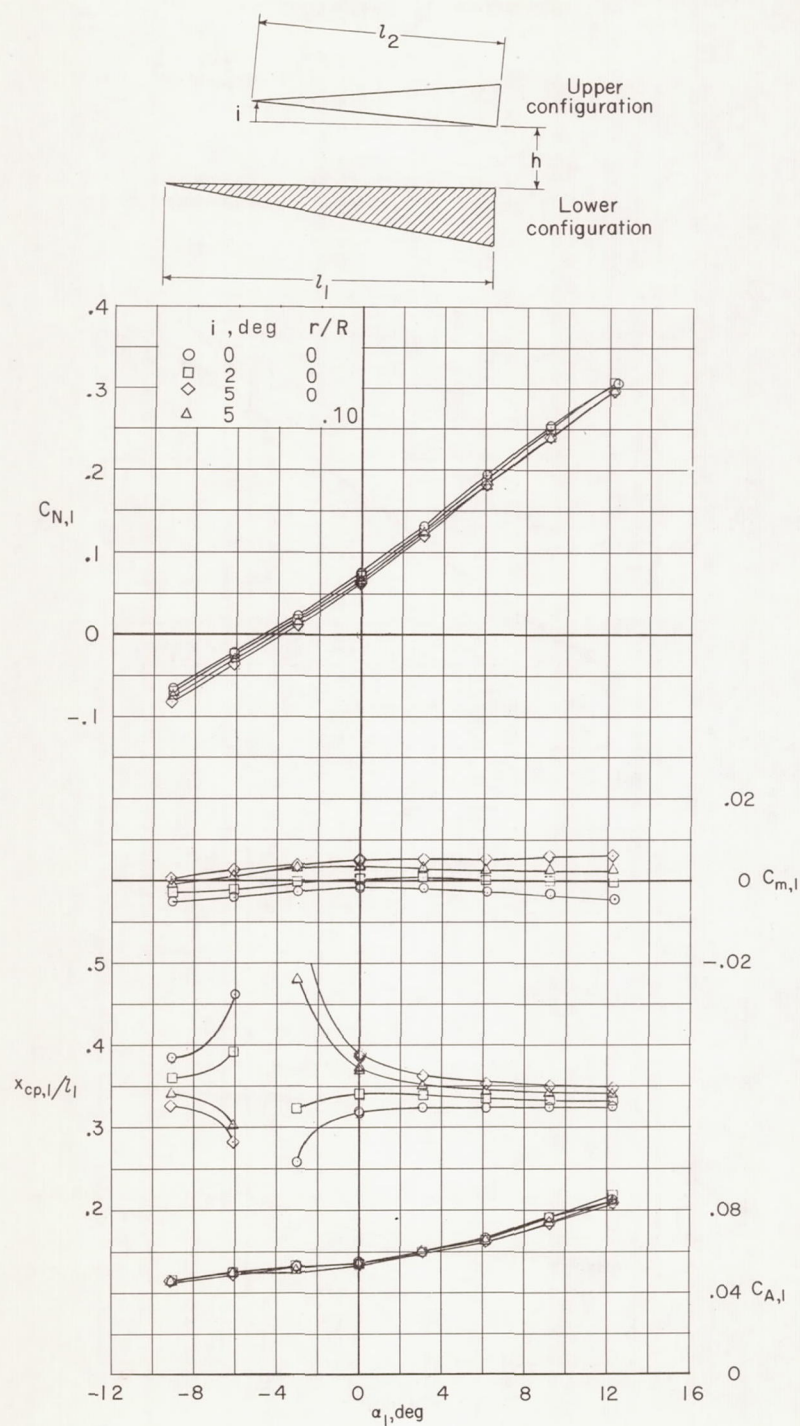
(h)  $M = 6$ ;  $i = 0^\circ$ ;  $h/l_1 = 0.20$ .

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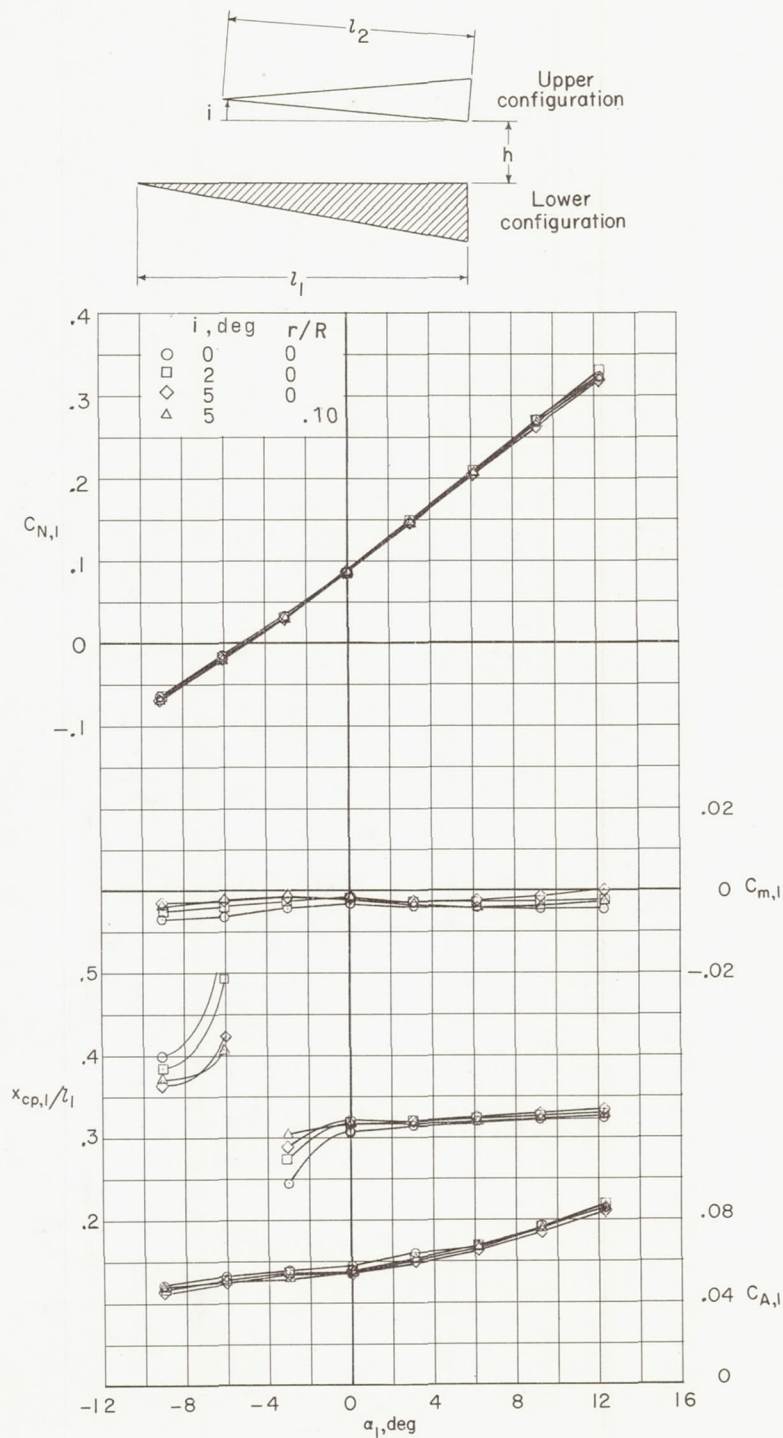
(a)  $M = 3$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 0.75$ ;  $h/l_1 = 0.05$ .

Figure 21.- Effect of incidence angle and nose bluntness of upper configuration on longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics of lower configuration.



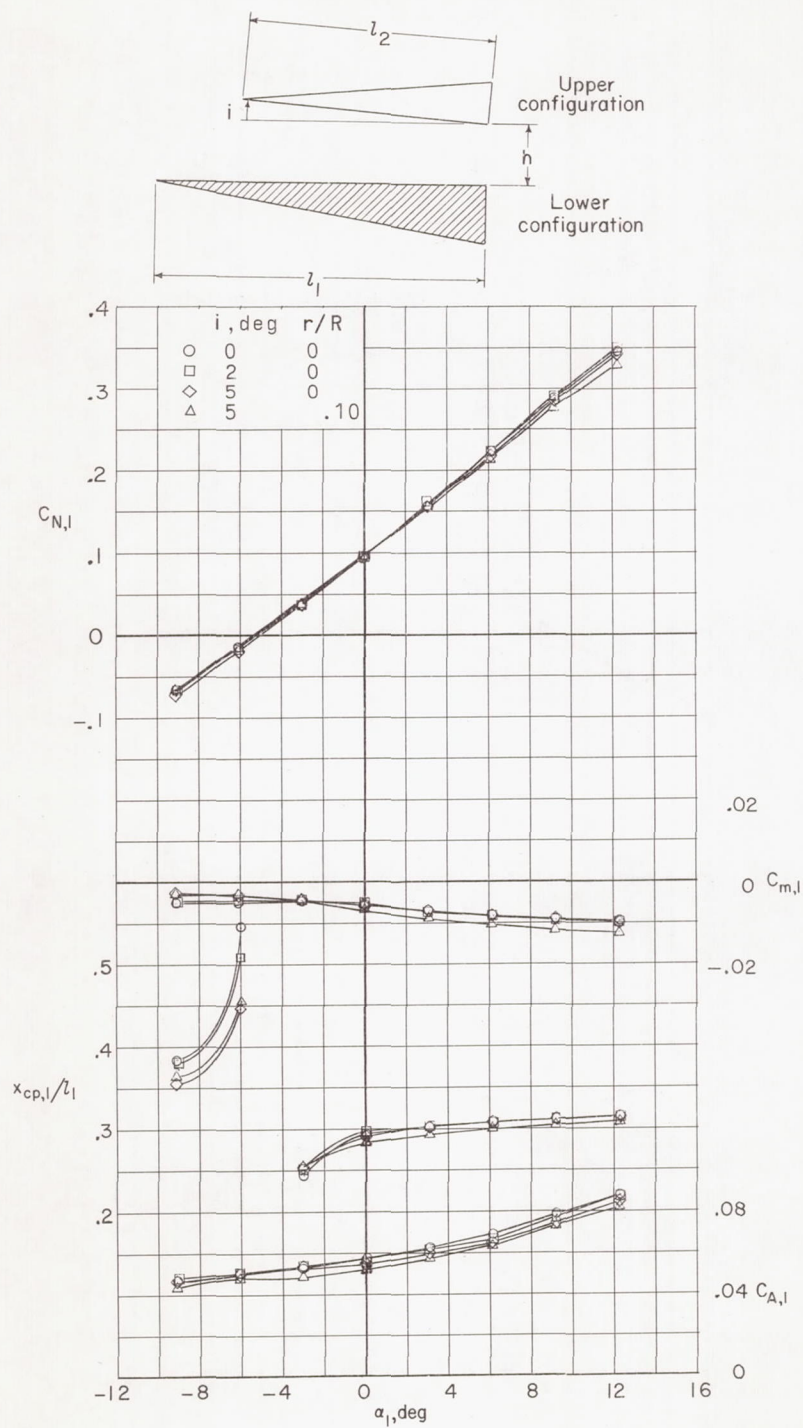
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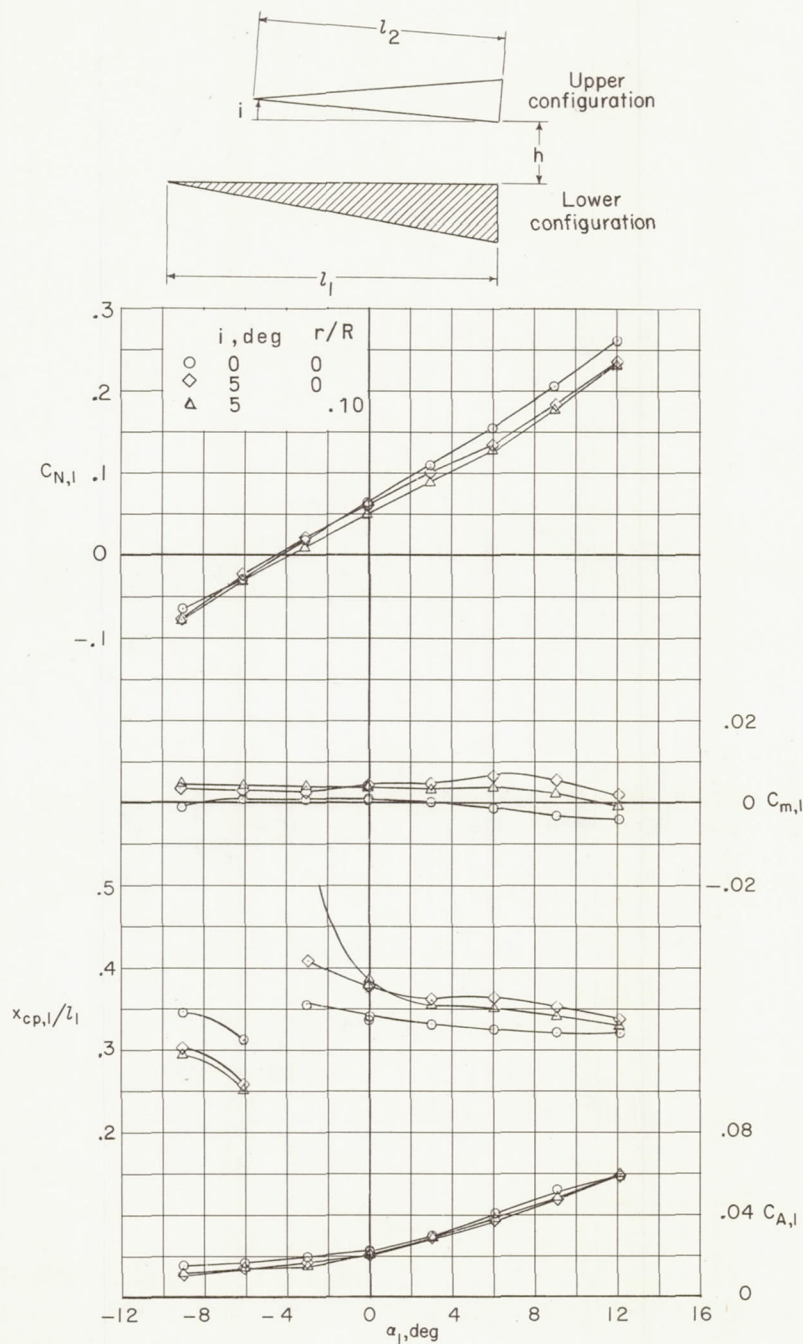
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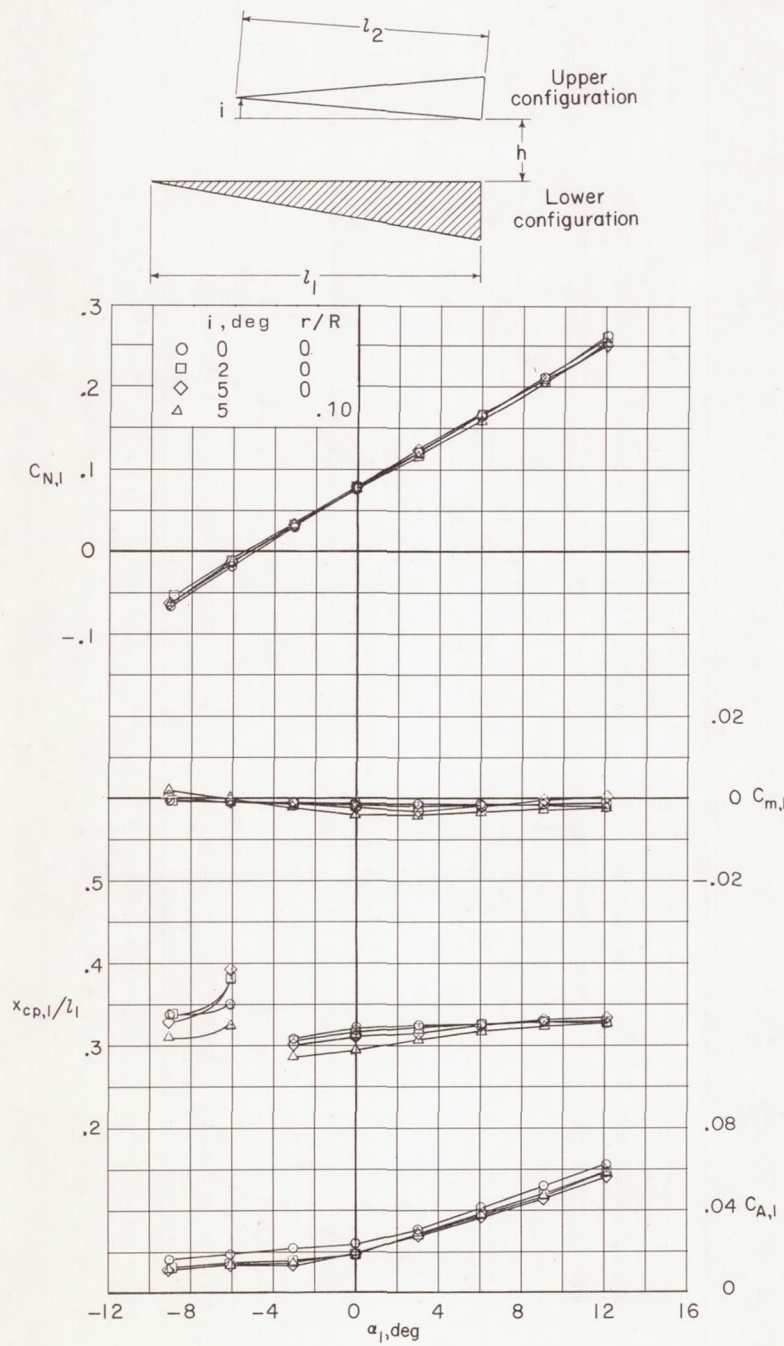
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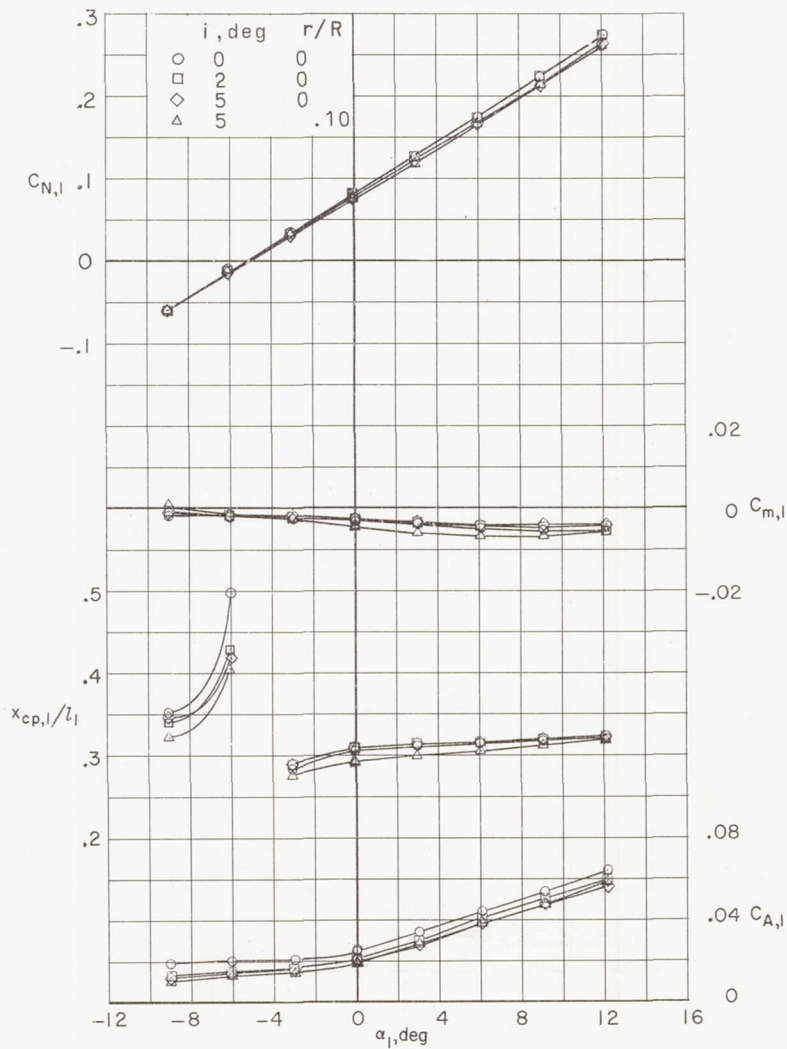
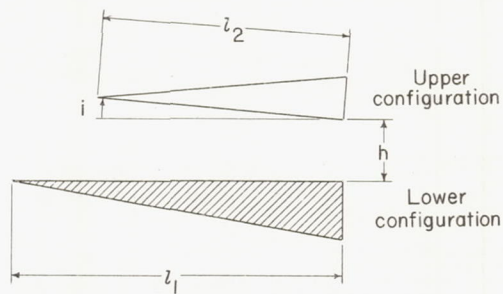
(e)  $M = 6$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 0.75$ ;  $h/l_1 = 0.05$ .

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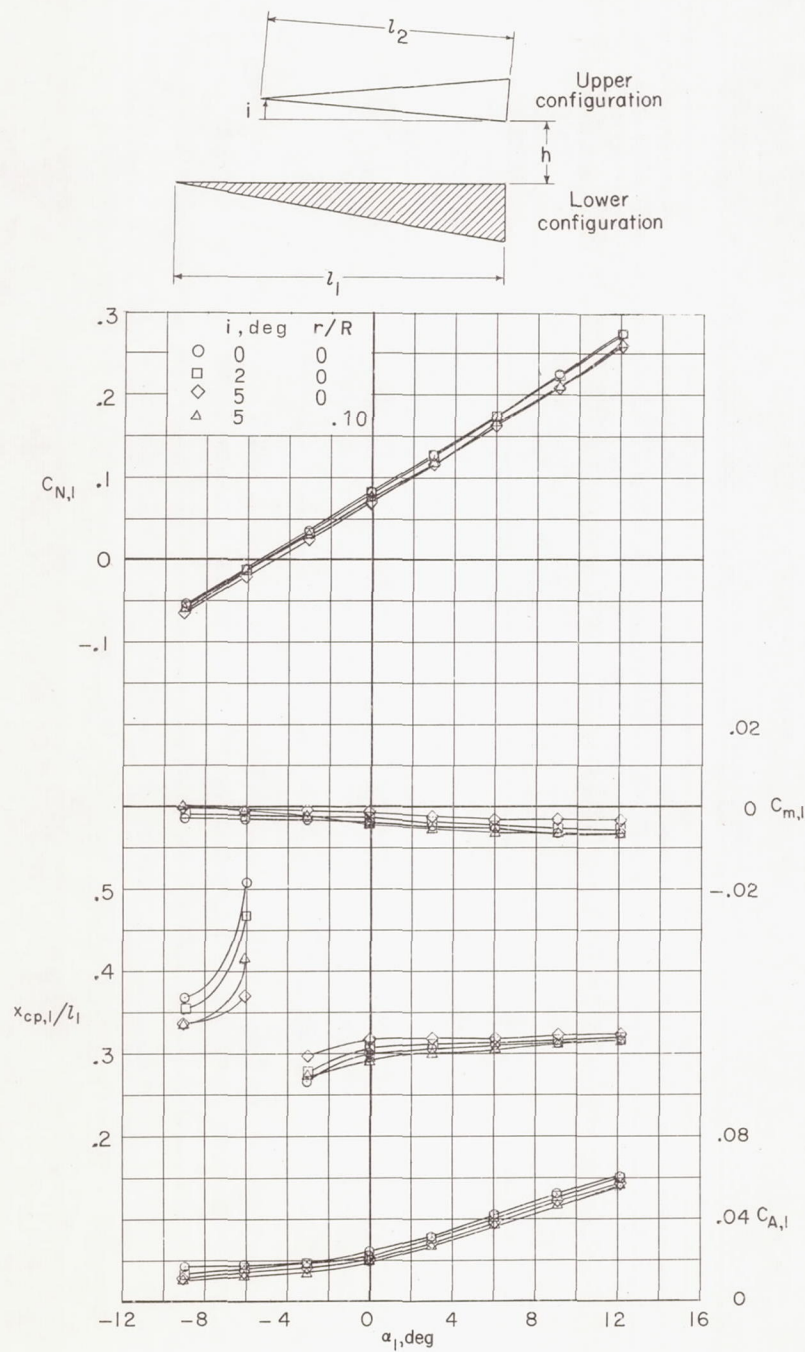
(f)  $M = 6$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 0.75$ ;  $h/l_1 = 0.10$ .

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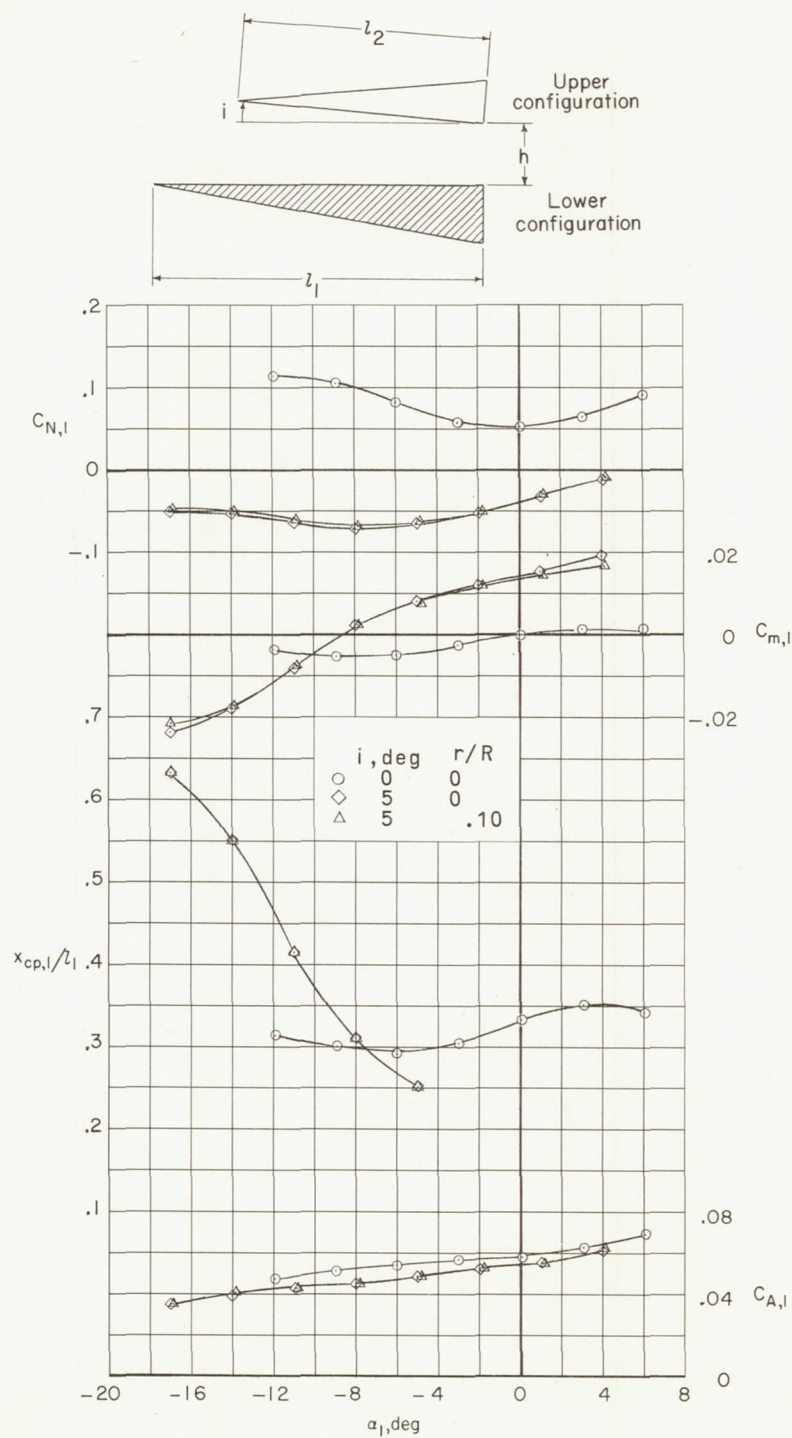
(g)  $M = 6$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 0.75$ ;  $h/l_1 = 0.15$ .

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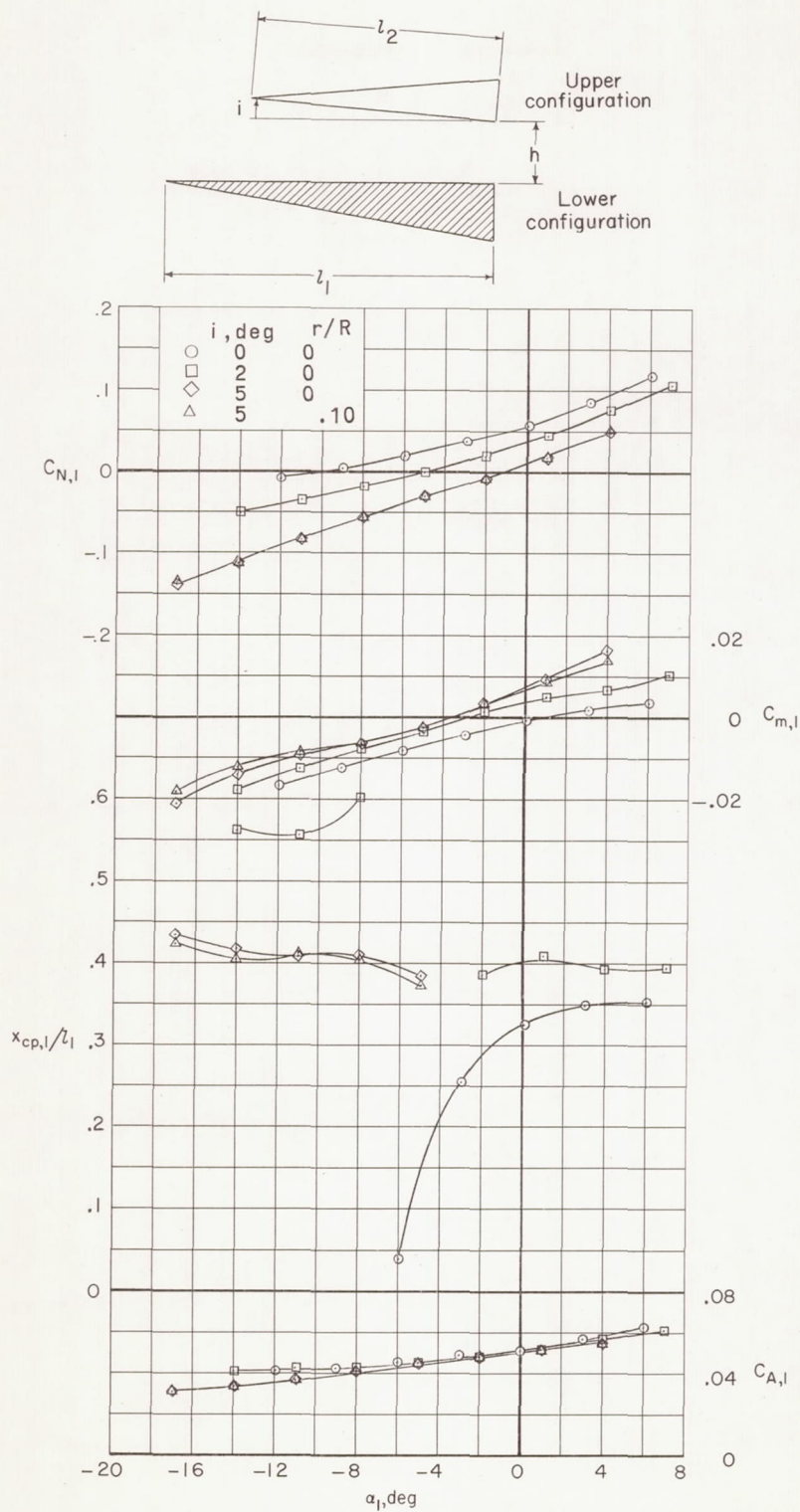
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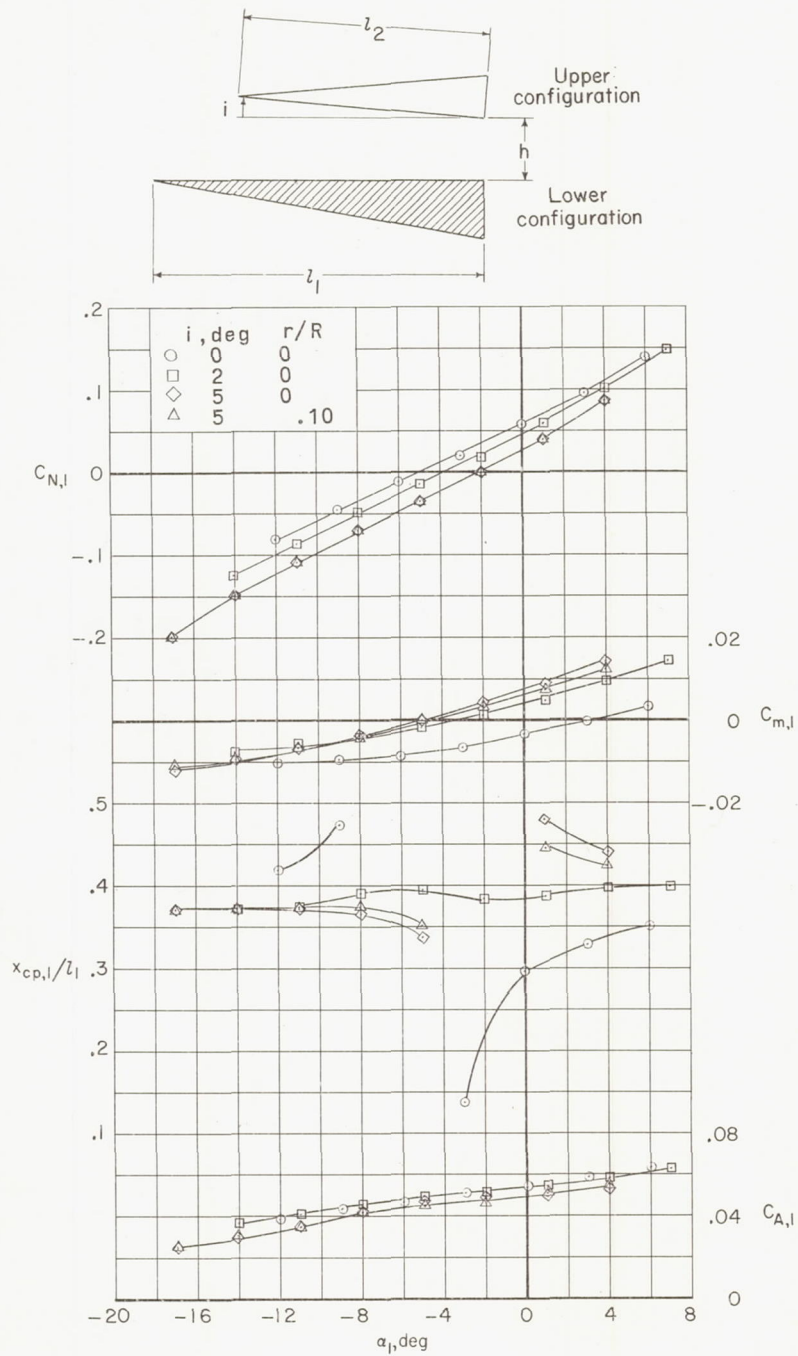
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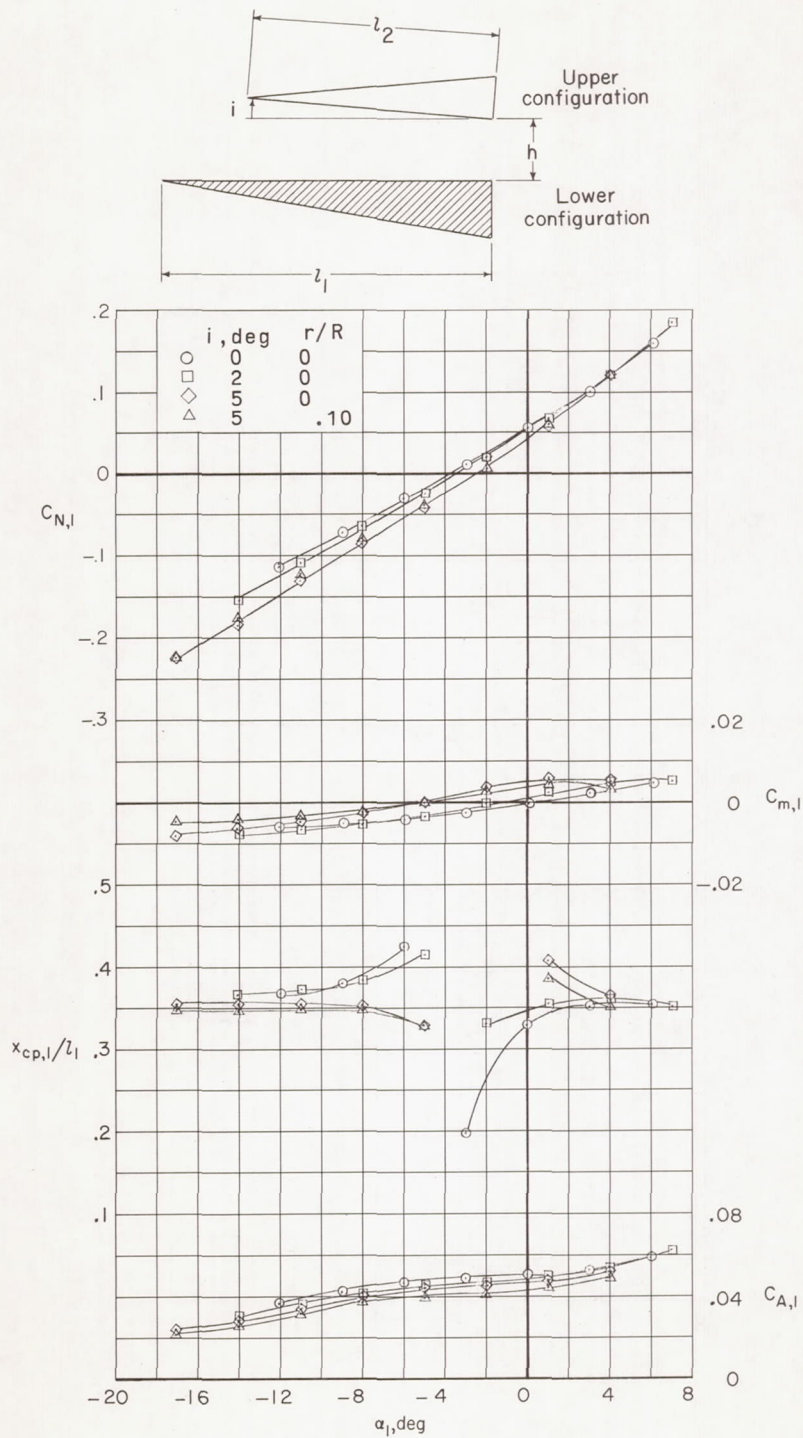
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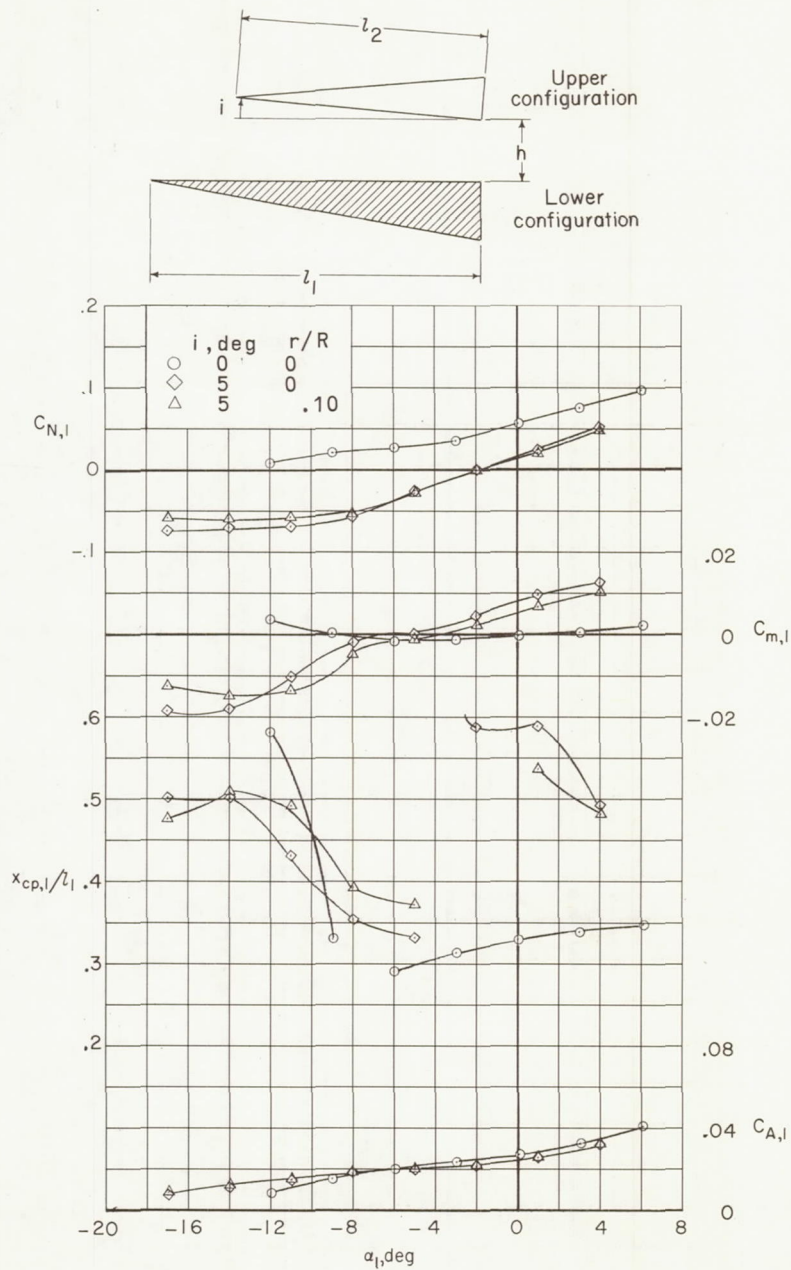
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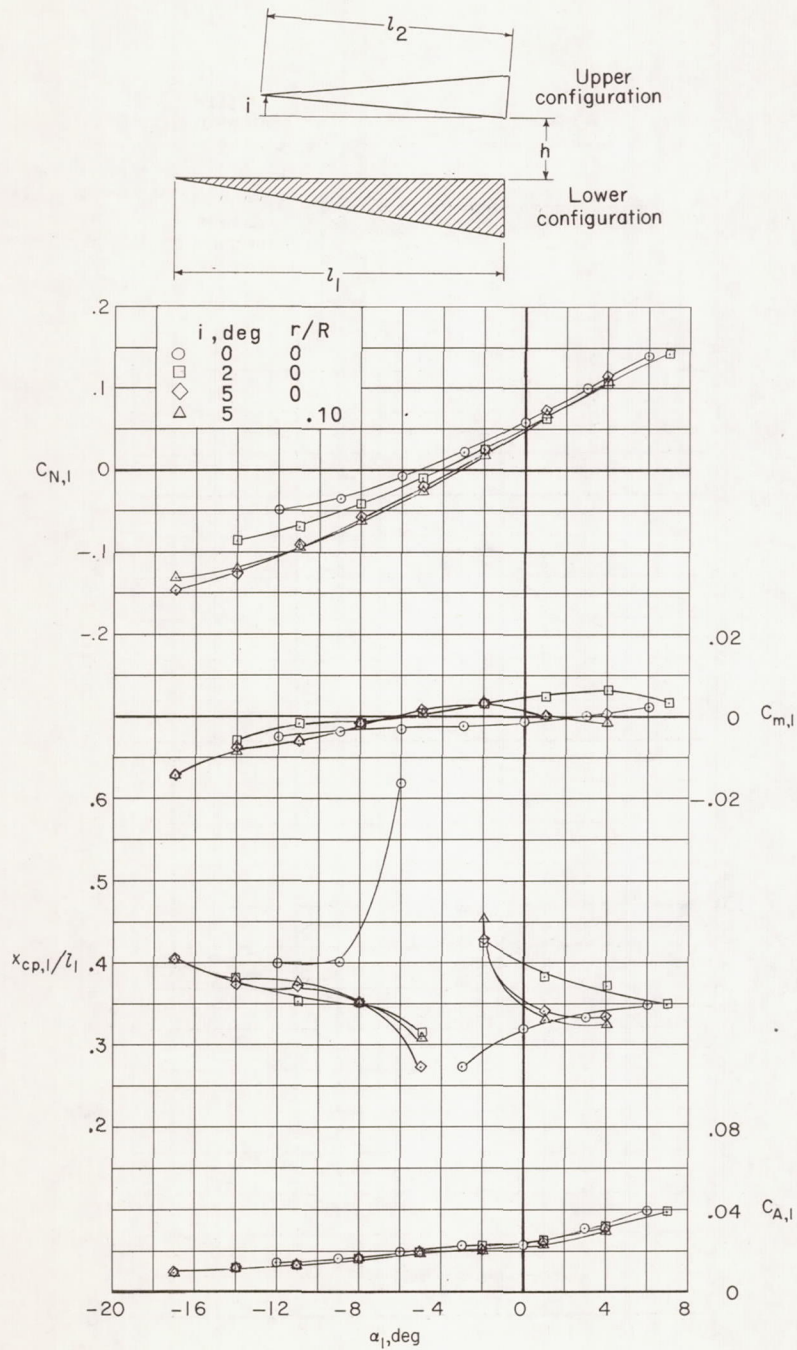
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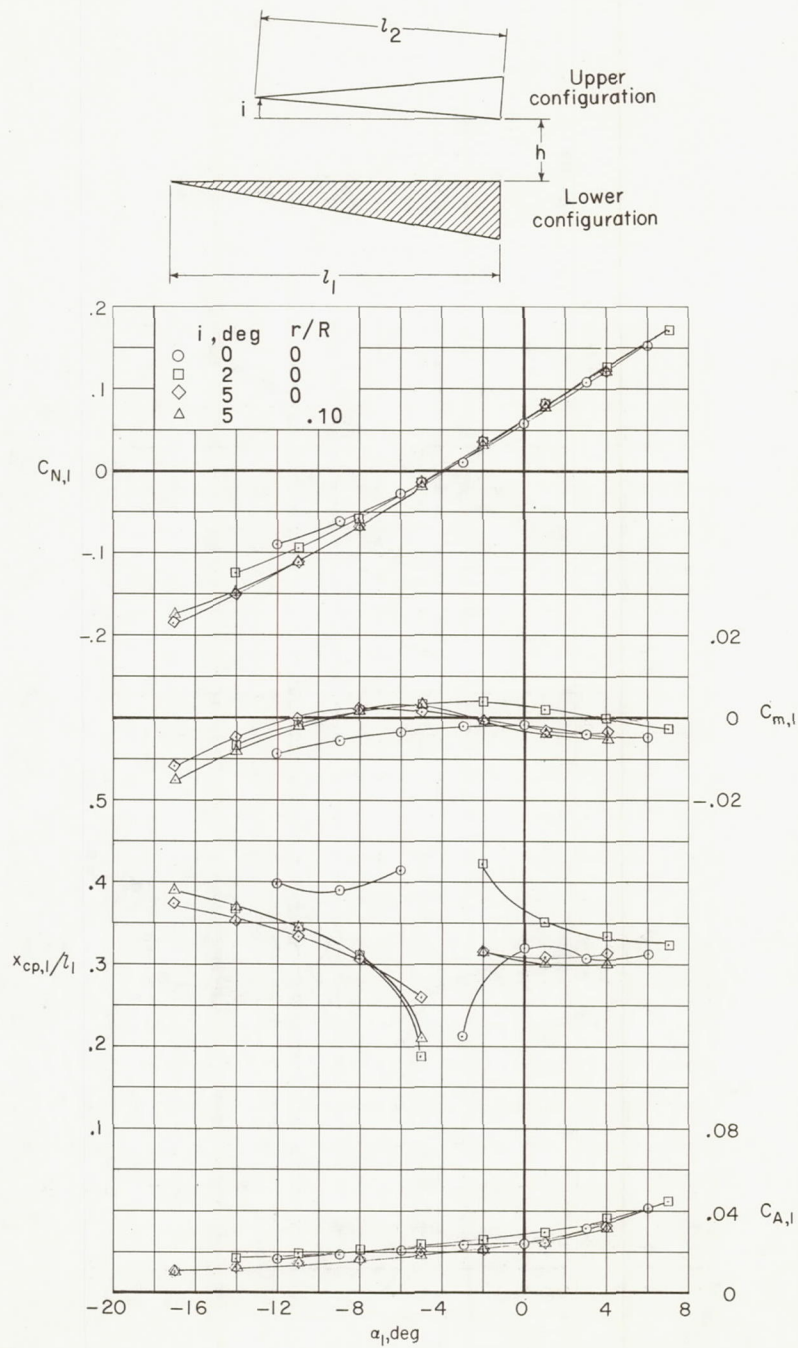
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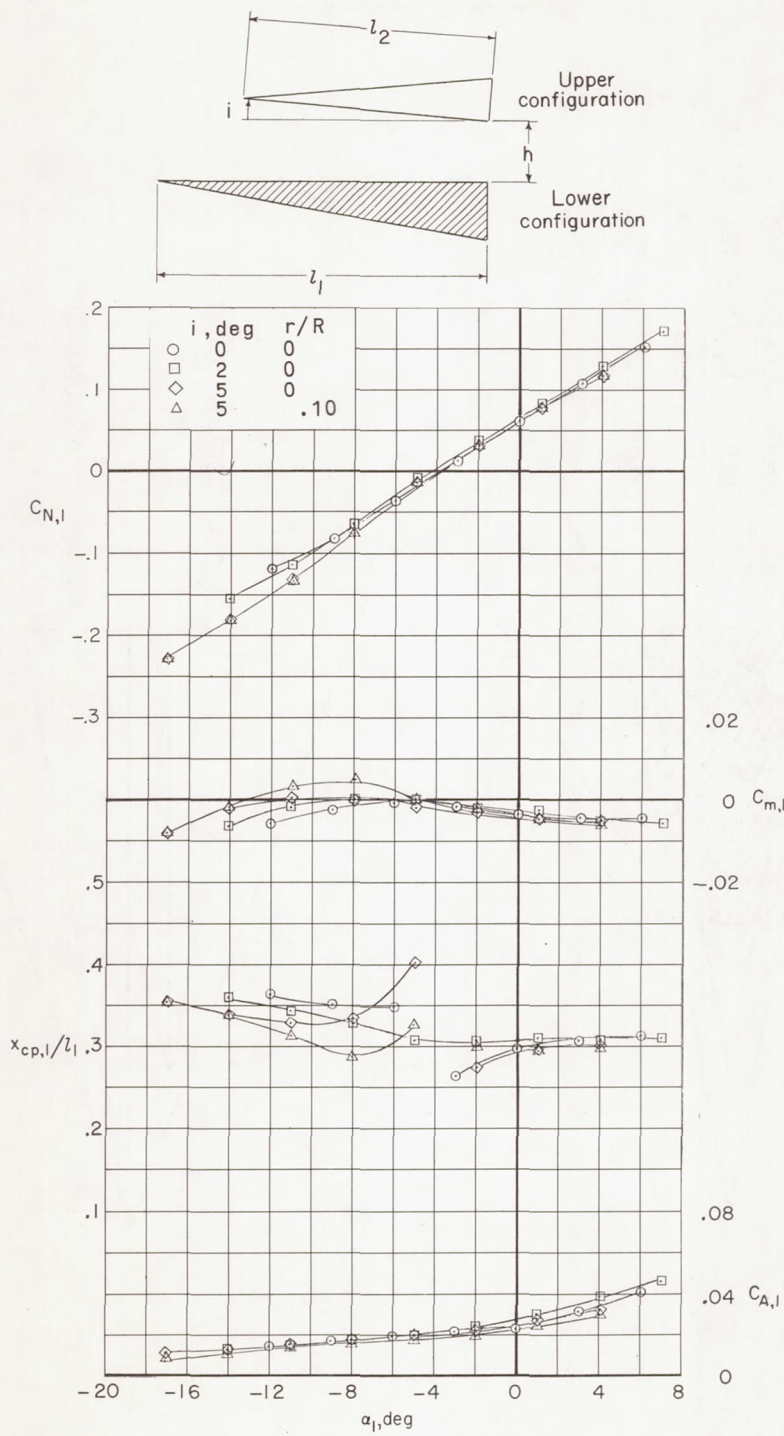
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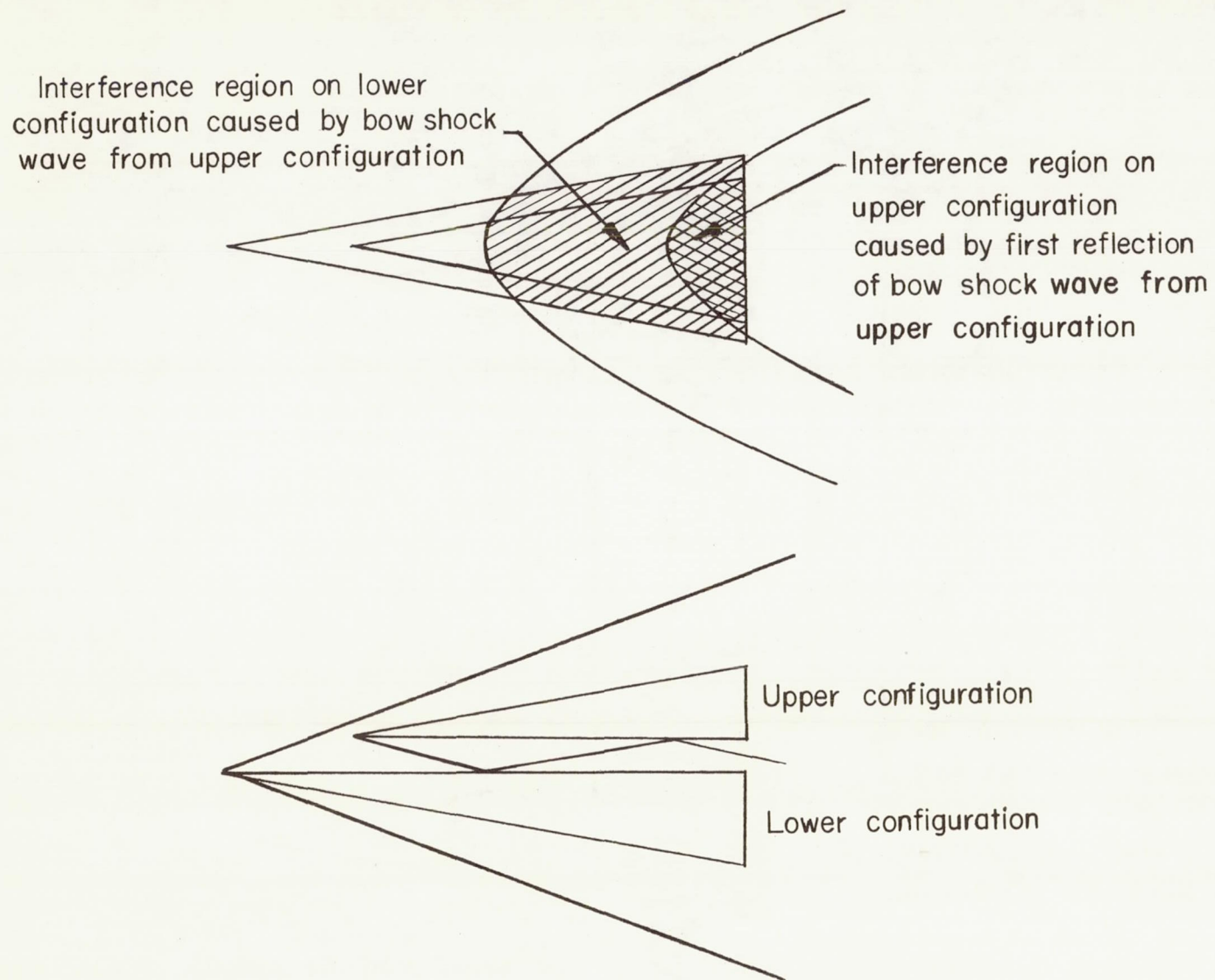
(o)  $M = 6$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 1.33$ ;  $h/l_1 = 0.15$ .

Figure 21.- Continued.



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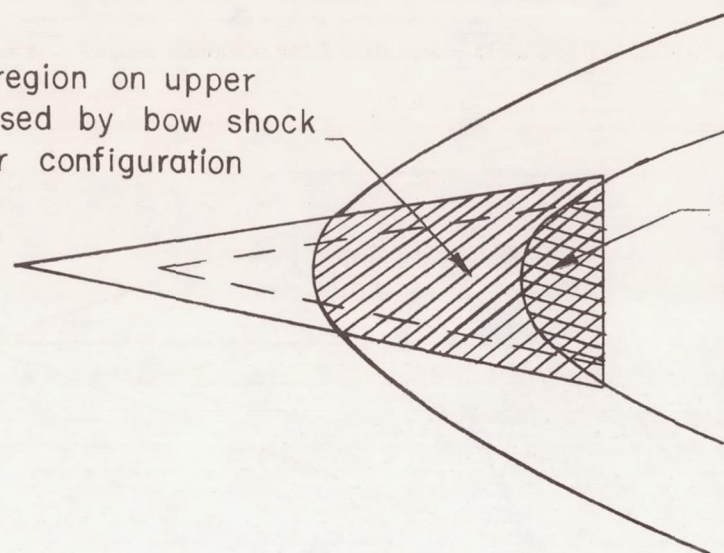
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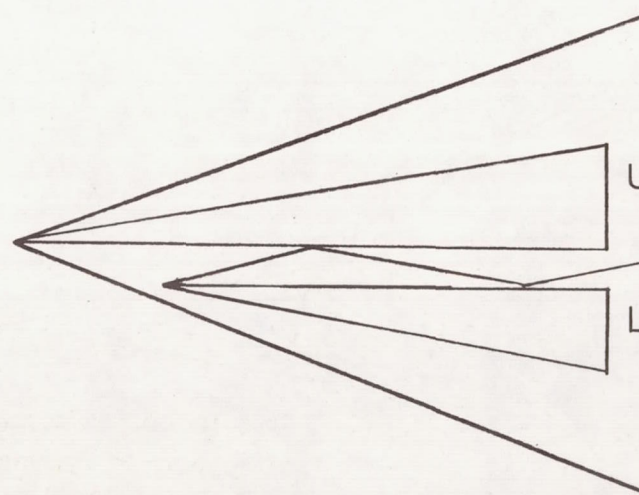
(a) Upper configuration smaller than lower configuration.

Figure 22.- Interference regions.

Interference region on upper  
configuration caused by bow shock  
wave from lower configuration



Interference region on  
lower configuration  
caused by first reflection  
of bow shock wave from  
lower configuration

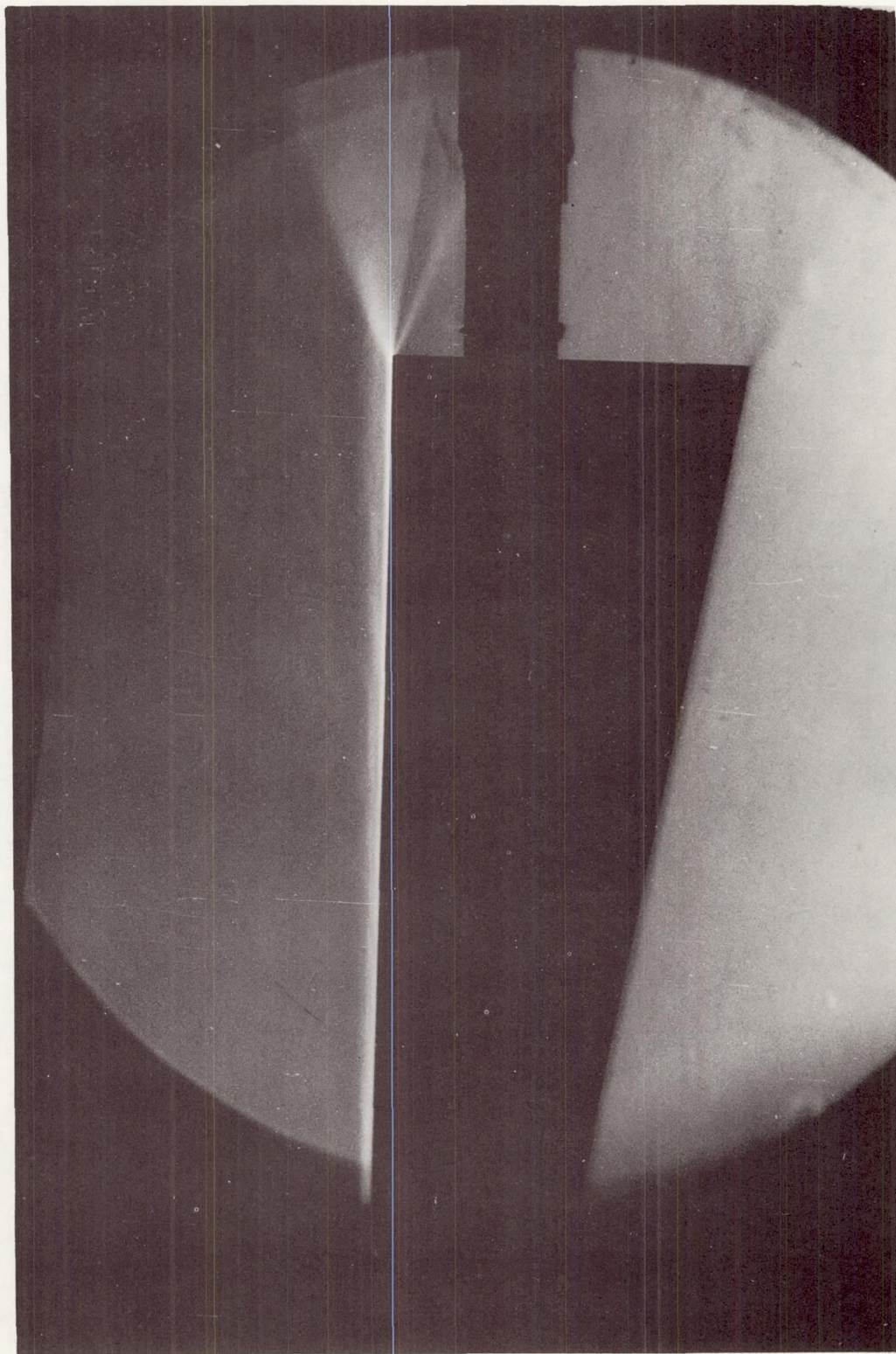


Upper configuration

Lower configuration

(b) Upper configuration larger than lower configuration.

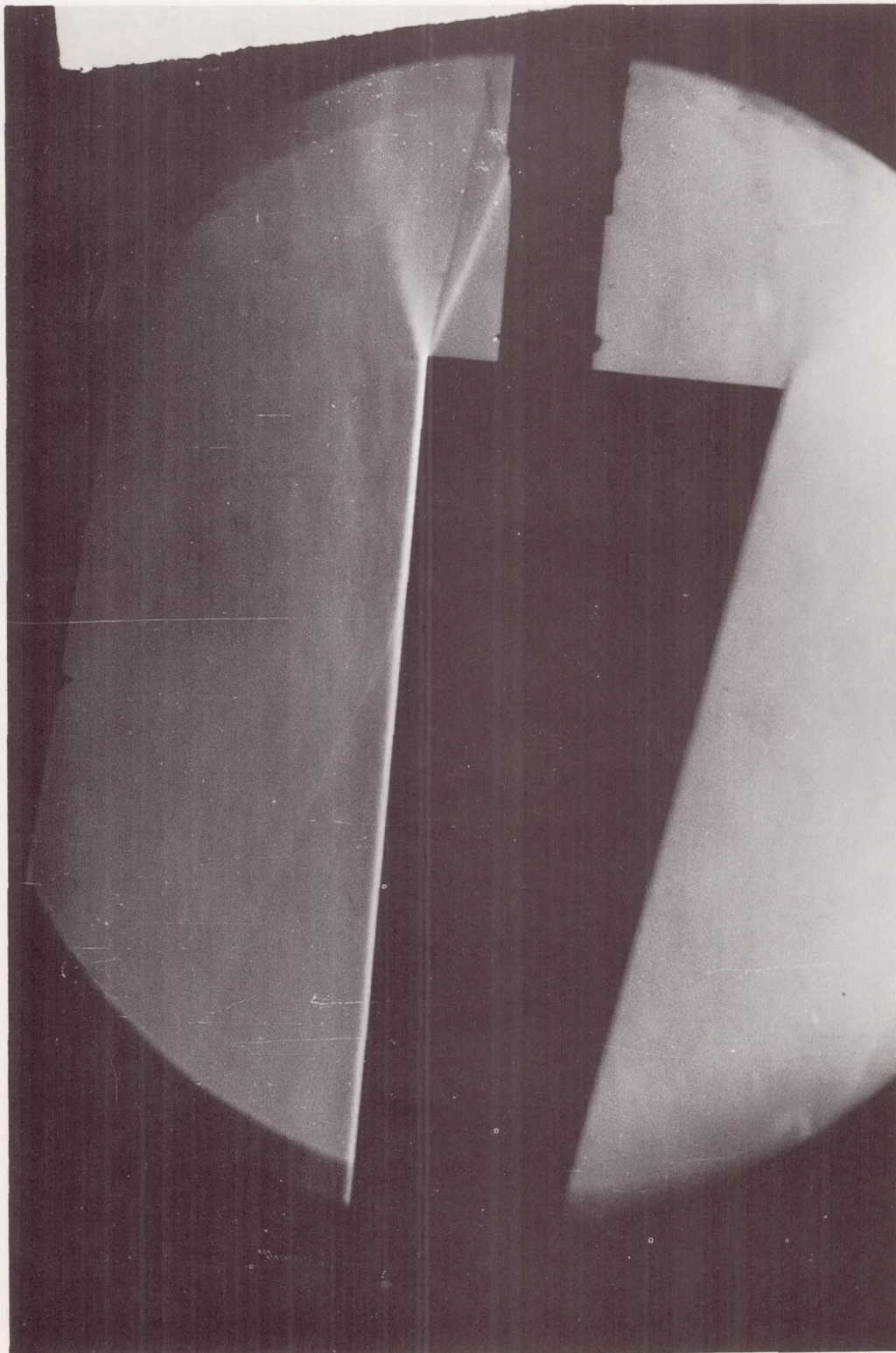
Figure 22.- Concluded.



(a)  $\alpha_1 \approx 0^\circ$ .

Figure 23.- Schlieren photographs for  $B_2$  in presence of  $B_1$ .  $M = 3$ ;  $i = 50^\circ$ ;  $h/l_1 = 0.15$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 0.75$ .

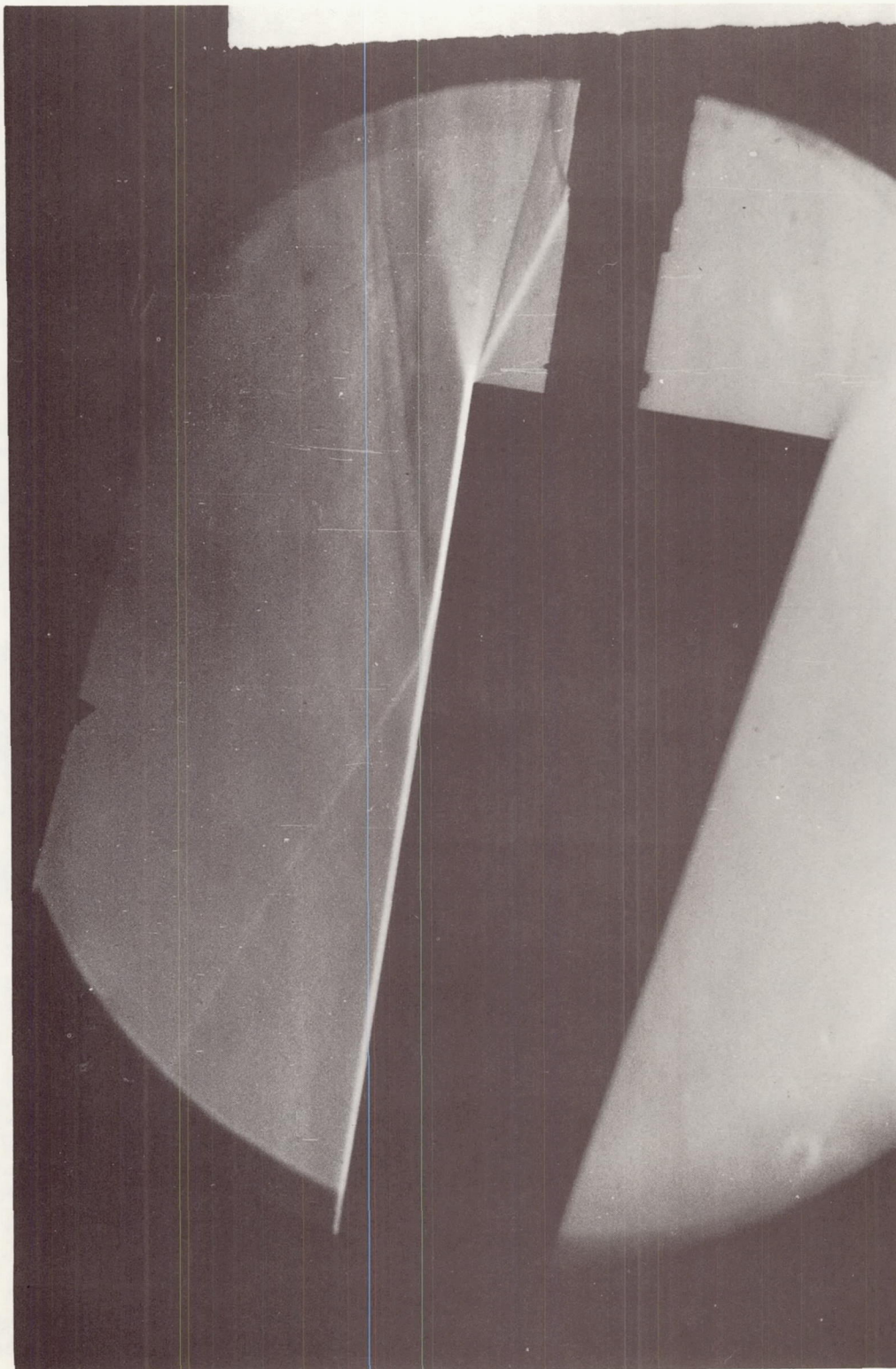
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(b)  $\alpha_1 \approx 30^\circ$ .

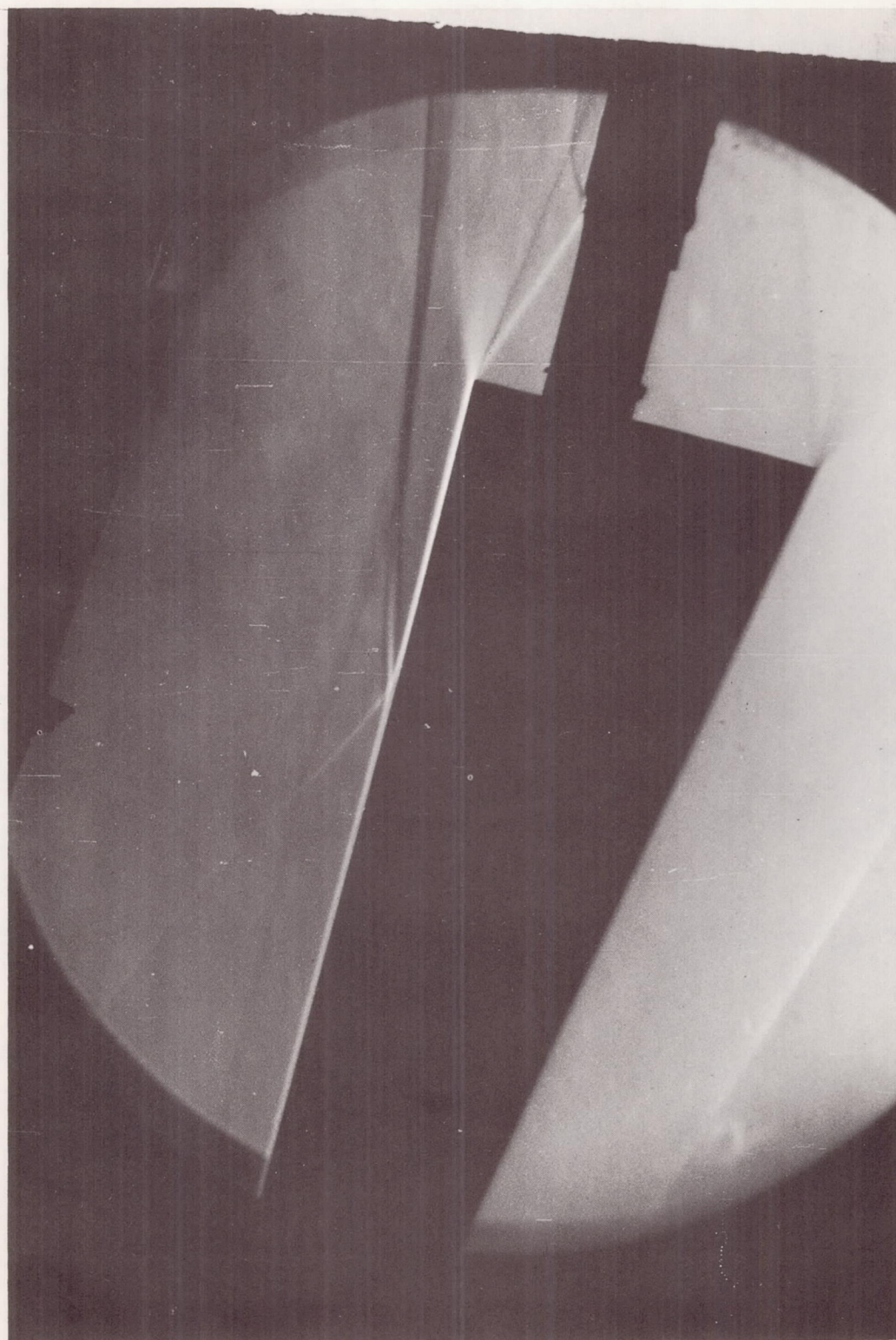
Figure 23.- Continued.



(c)  $\alpha_1 \approx \delta^0$ .

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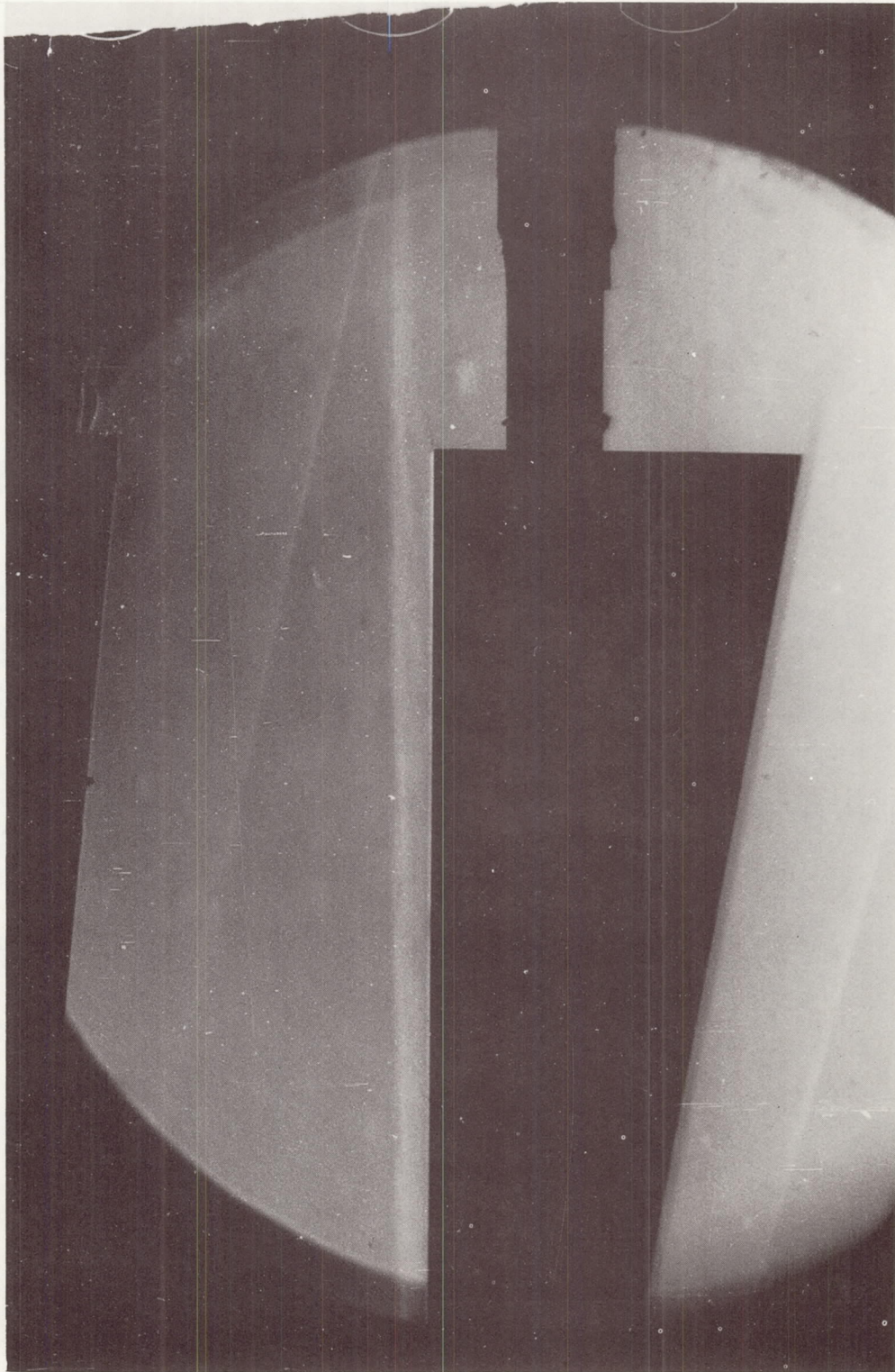
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(d)  $\alpha_1 \approx 12^\circ$ .

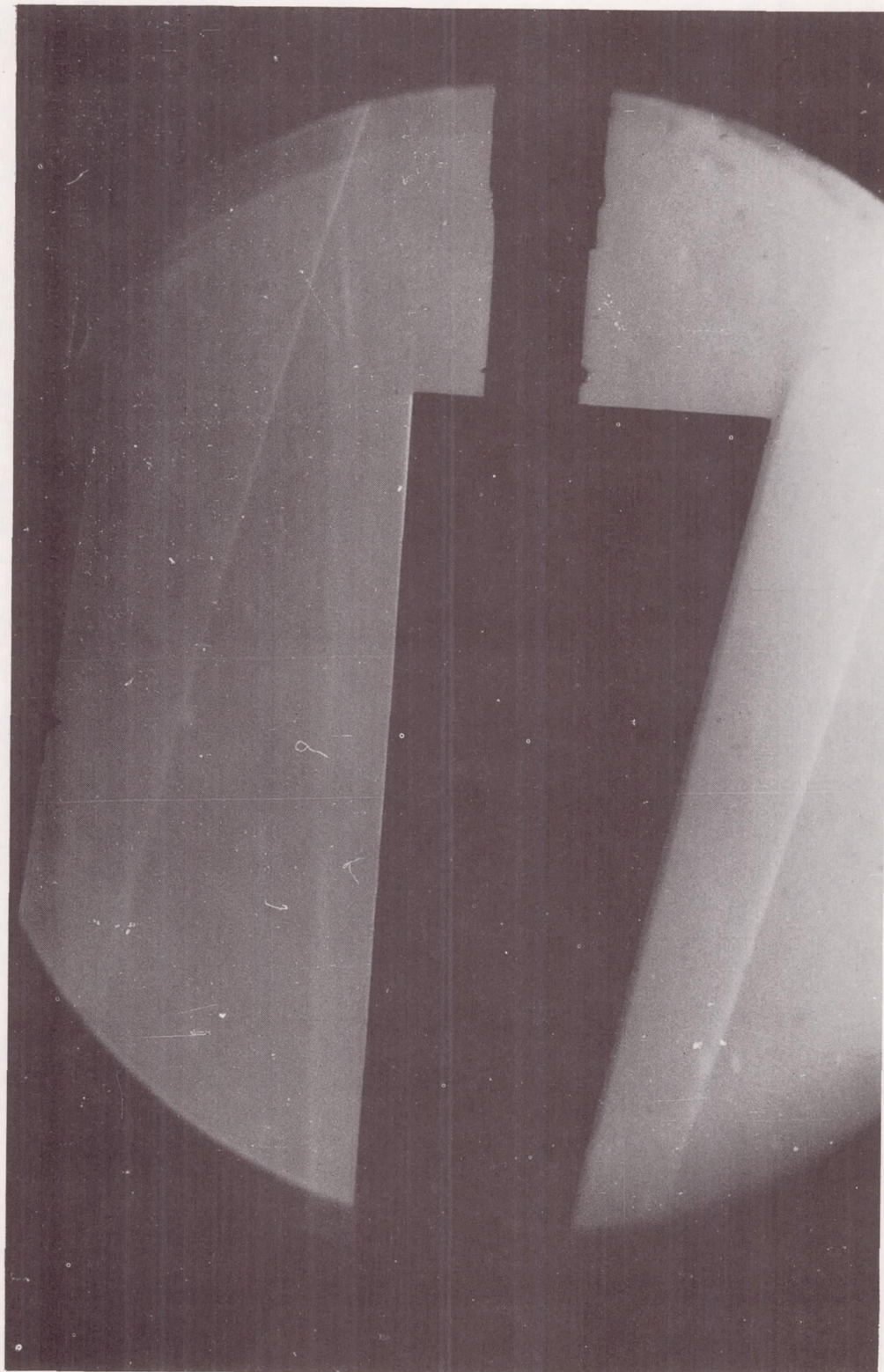
Figure 23.- Concluded.



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(a)  $\alpha_1 \approx 0^\circ$ .

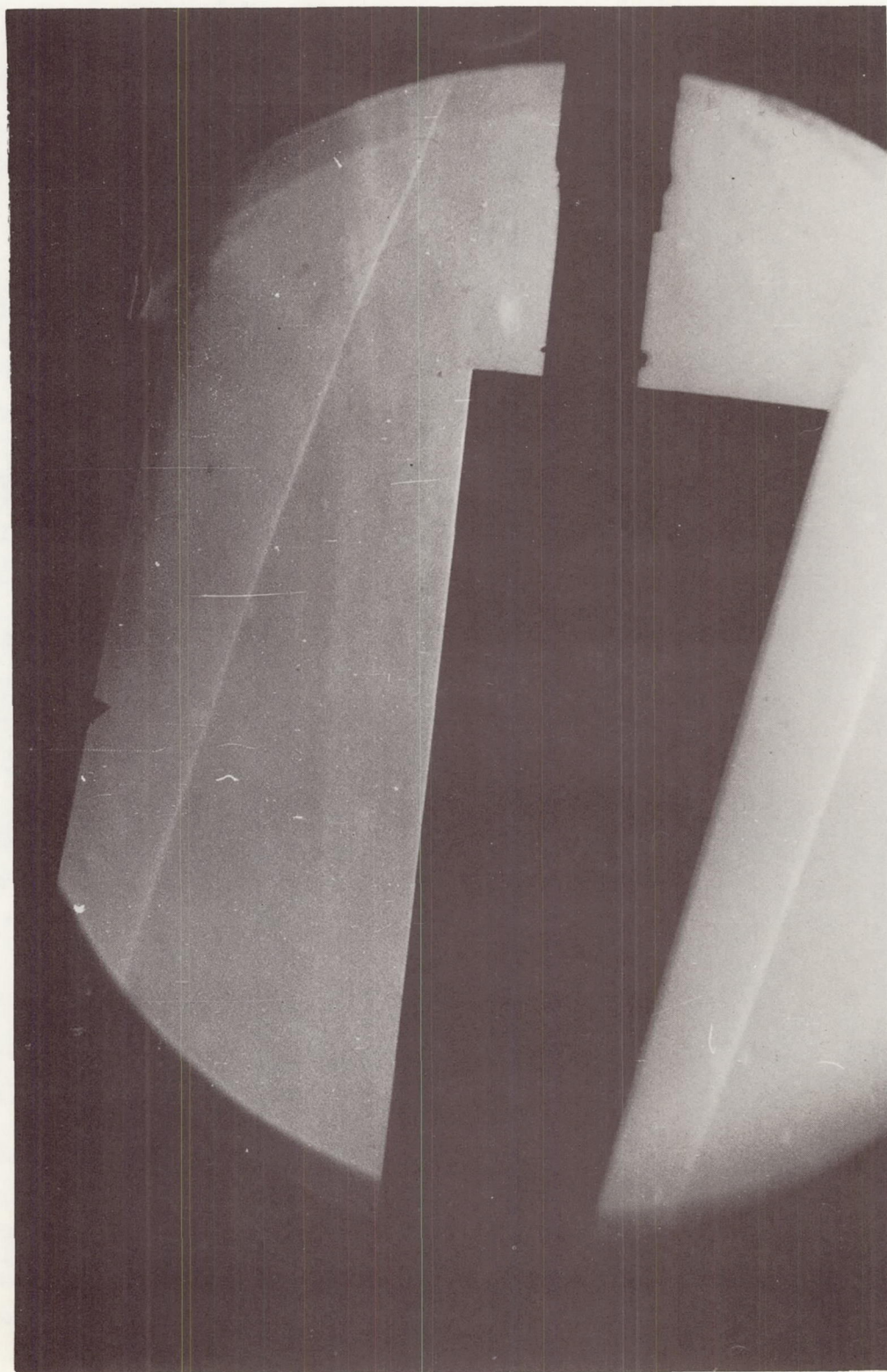
Figure 24.- Schlieren photographs for  $B_2$  in presence of  $B_1$ .  $M = 6$ ;  $i = 50^\circ$ ;  $h/l_1 = 0.15$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 0.75$ .



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(b)  $\alpha_1 \approx 3^\circ$ .

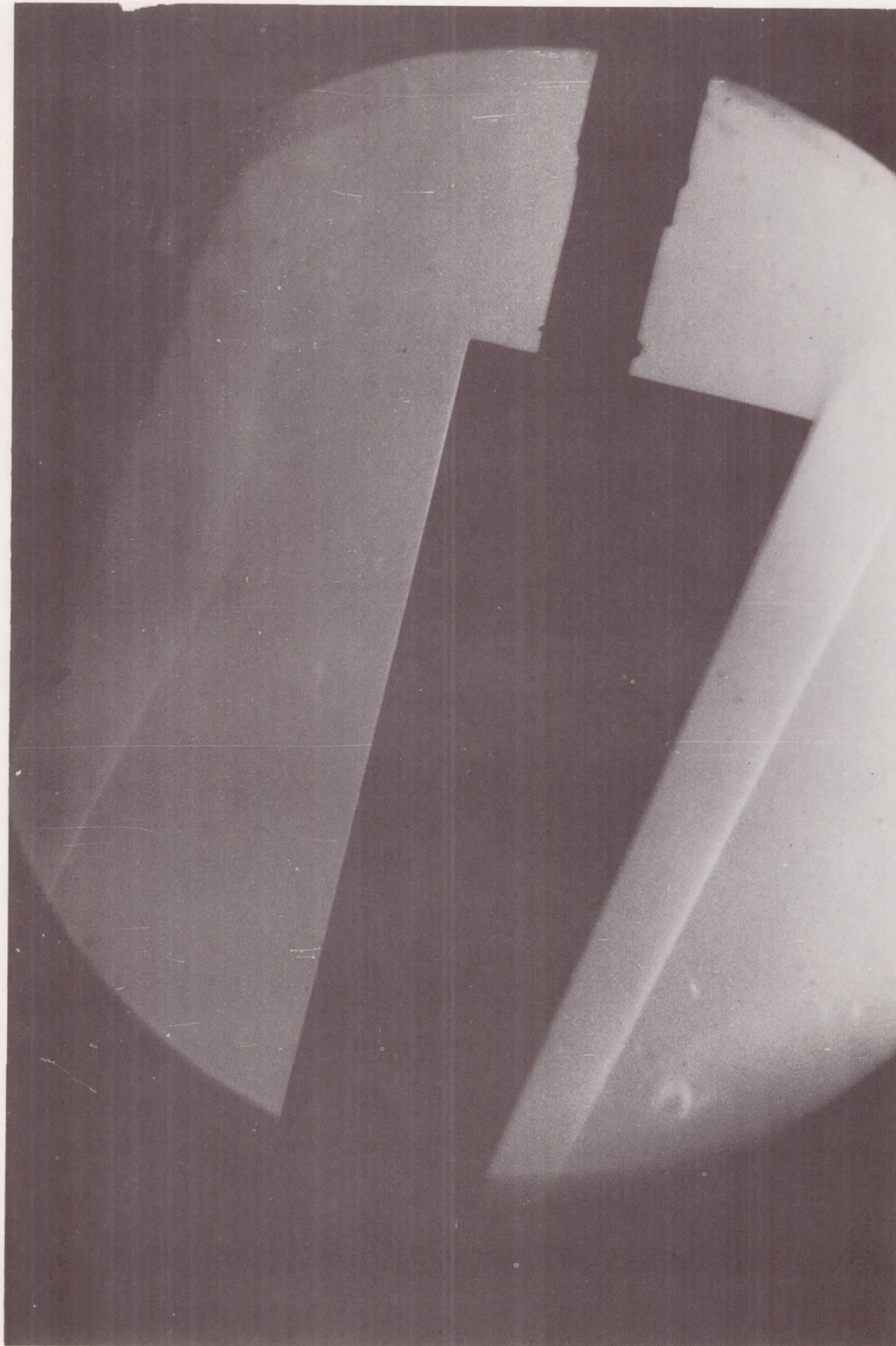
Figure 24.- Continued.



(c)  $\alpha_1 \approx 6^\circ$ .

Figure 24.- Continued.

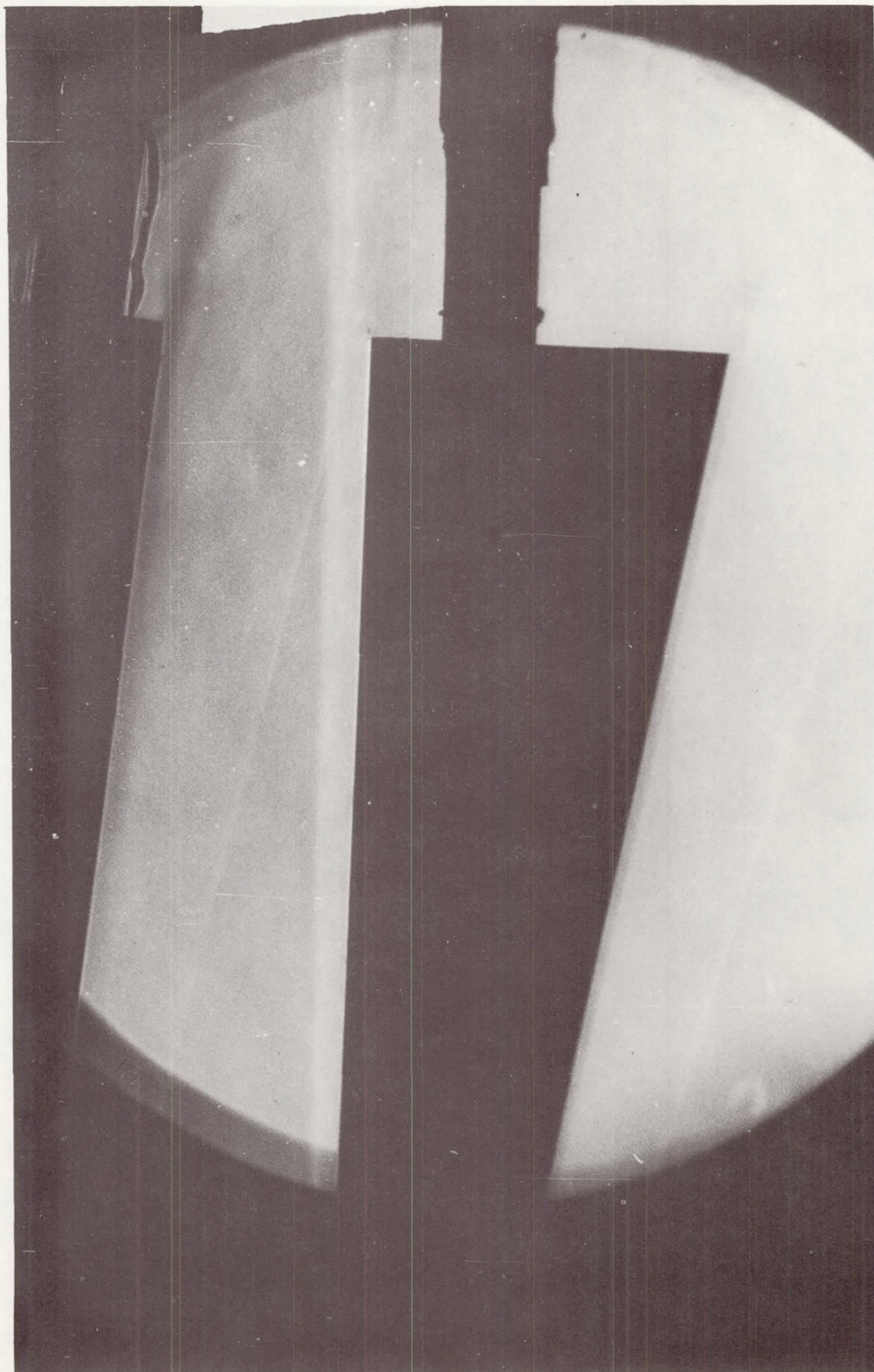
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(d)  $\alpha_1 \approx 12^\circ$ .

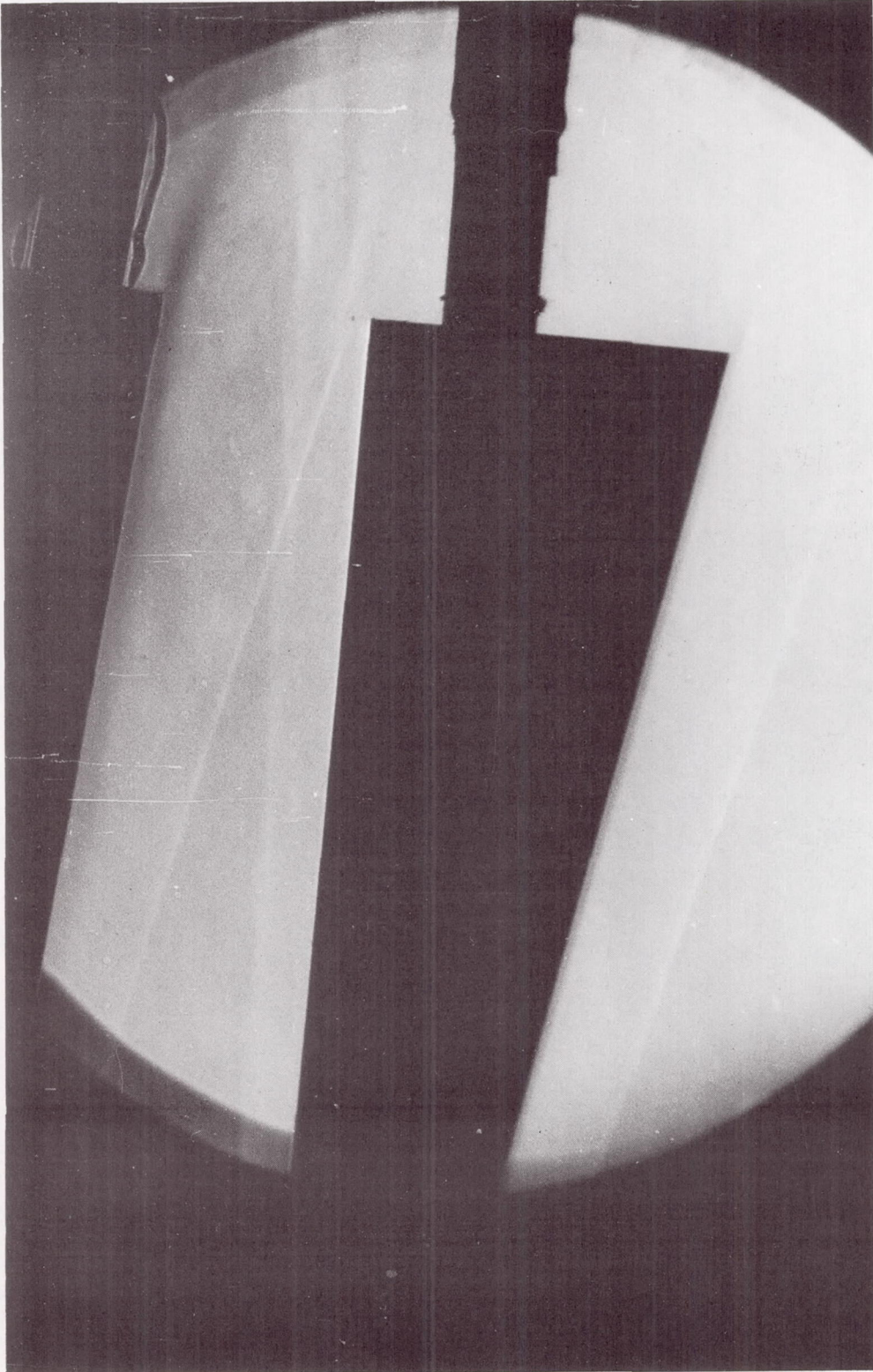
Figure 24.- Concluded.



(a)  $\alpha_1 \approx 0^\circ$ .

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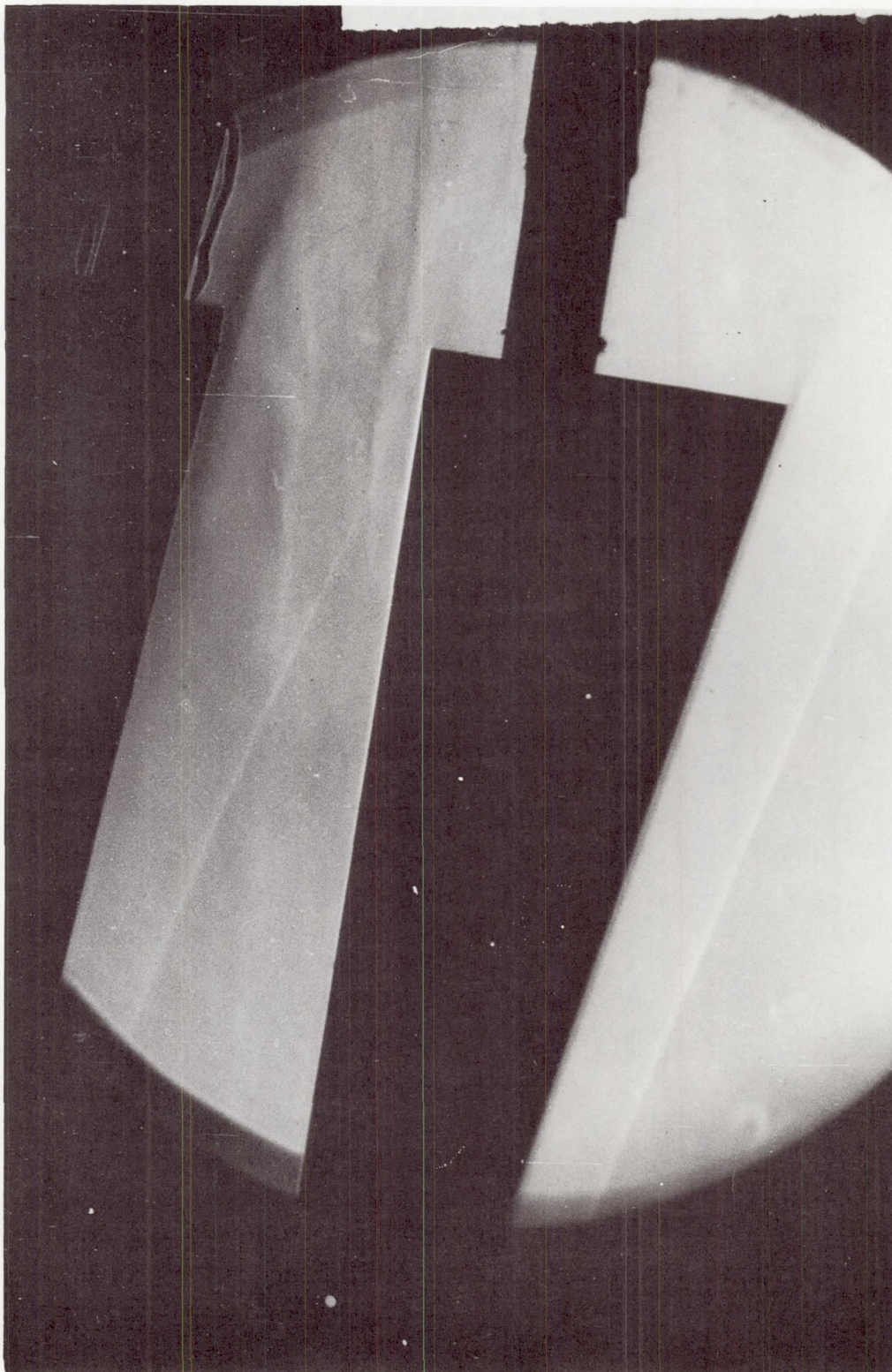
Figure 25.- Schlieren photographs for  $B_2$  in presence of  $B_1$ .  $M = 6$ ;  $i = 5^\circ$ ;  $h/l_1 = 0.10$ ;  $l_2/l_1 = 0.75$ .



(b)  $\alpha_1 \approx 3^\circ$ .

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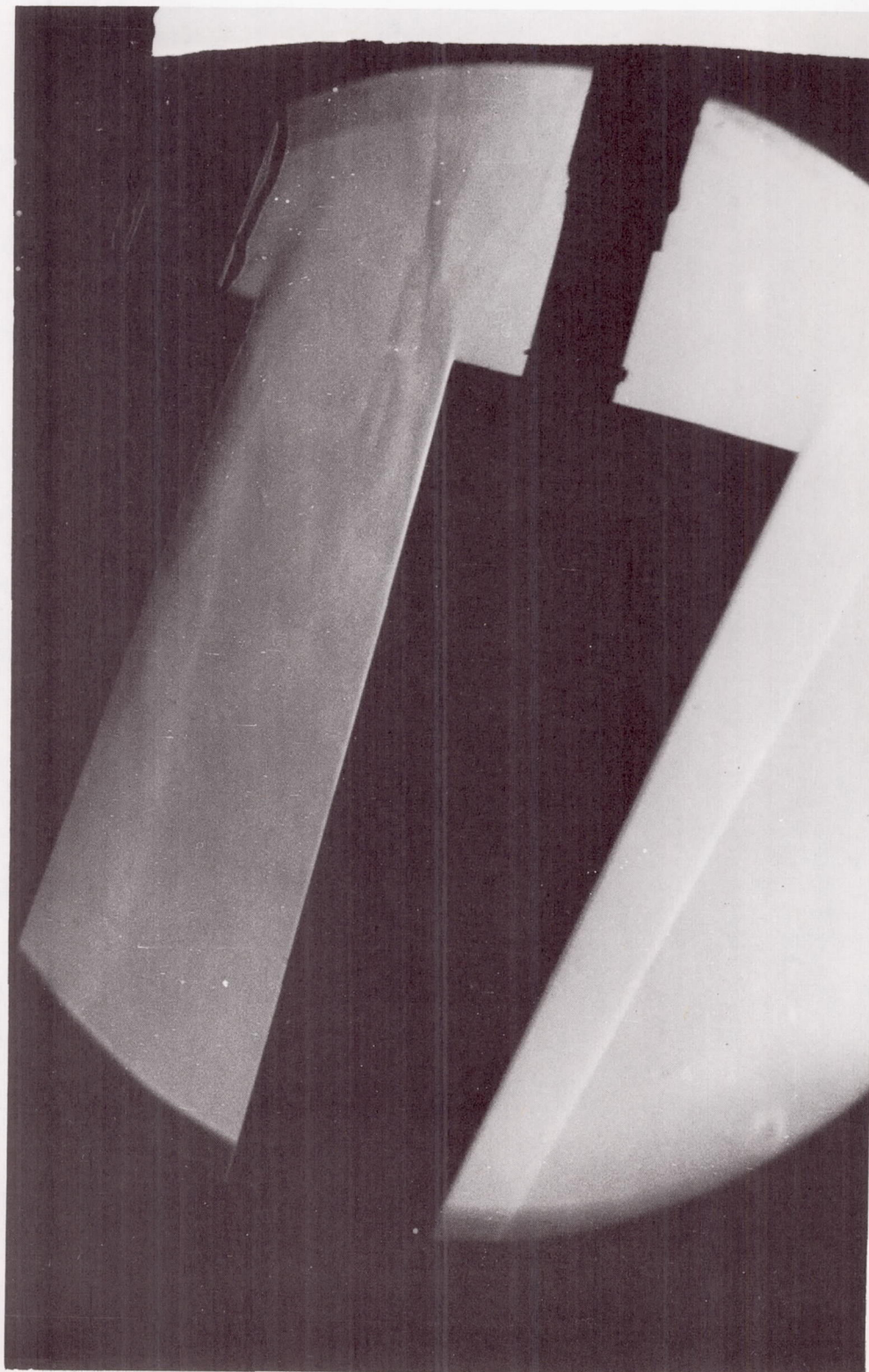
Figure 25.- Continued.



(c)  $\alpha_1 \approx 60^\circ$ .

Figure 25.- Continued.

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(d)  $\alpha_1 \approx 12^\circ$ .

Figure 25.- Concluded.

